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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7- 63**

REPORT MADE AT Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/5/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/22/36	REPORT MADE BY J. B. SHILEY <div style="text-align: right;">DFC</div>
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases; I. O. #1232 - FUGITIVE; et al; EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.45 Colt Automatic pistol #C-175221 sold by Galax Hardware Co., Galax, Va., to Jim Nickatos, Galax, but returned by him to Instant Company which in turn sent back pistol to Belknap Hardware Manufacturing Co., Louisville, Ky., April 23, 1935, and has credit invoice C.J. 5-7-35, from Louisville company.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Louisville, Ky., dated August 4, 1936.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT GALAX, VIRGINIA.</u></p> <p>Agent interviewed A. L. Fulcher, Manager, Galax Hardware Company, and he stated that he sold the .45 Colt Automatic pistol #C-175221 to Jim Nickatos, local restaurant proprietor on March 11, 1935.</p> <p>A subsequent interview with Nickatos, however, disclosed that Nickatos returned the Automatic to the Galax Hardware Company.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED J. M. Keith		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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As a result Fulcher again checked his records which reflected that the above Automatic was returned by the Galax Hardware Company, Galax, Virginia, to the Belknap Hardware Manufacturing Company, Louisville, Ky., on April 23, 1935. A subsequent invoice disclosed that D. B. Mullins, salesman, Belknap Hardware Manufacturing Company negotiated the deal and the Galax Hardware on invoice C.J. 5-7-35 was credited with the amount of the original purchase price.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE LOUISVILLE OFFICE AT LOUISVILLE, KY.,
is requested to contact the Belknap Hardware Manufacturing Company and determine to whom the instant .45 calibre Automatic pistol was resold, after the return of the gun to them by the Galax Hardware Company, Galax, Va., on April 23, 1935, and the subsequent credit given latter company on invoice C.J.5-7-35.

PENDING.

Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

October 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith four copies of the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 3, 1936 in the above entitled matter and am also returning, herewith, the signed, sworn statement of Marie Gallup.

Very truly yours,

L. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

ELL:fvv
Enc.

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Cincinnati
St. Paul

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

October 5, 1936

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fingerprints for- warded Division of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
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John Doe	CHL. 10/1/31	10/1/31	17 15 100 22
	CHL. 10/1/31		17 15 100 22

John Doe or John Doe	CHL. 10/1/31	10/1/31	?
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Wanted is about 5'7" in height; age at present 29; weight 147;
eyes, gray; hair, dark blonde; residence, Toledo, Ohio.

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Please send copies of records to the Cincinnati and Chicago
offices, in addition to the Cleveland office.

In a letter to Bureau report is being prepared at Cleveland,
this information is desired at an early date.

OCT 19 1936

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland

Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO. 7-2- KF

REPORT MADE AT Nashville, Tennessee.	DATE WHEN MADE 10-5-36.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-1, 2 - 36.	REPORT MADE BY R. E. PETERSON
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 400px;">No record of registration in the State of Tennessee of 1935 Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1615253 for the years 1935 and 1936. Stop notice placed October 1, 1936, and removed October 2, 1936.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Circular letters from the Cleveland Office dated September 19 and 29th, 1936.</p> <p>DETAILS: Agent checked the records at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State of Tennessee, at Nashville, Tennessee, and it was noted that 1935 Model Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1615253 had not been registered in the State of Tennessee for the years 1935 and 1936. A stop notice was placed on this car with the request that the Nashville Office be notified immediately in the event this automobile was registered. On receipt of the reference letter dated September 29, 1936, the above stop notice was withdrawn.</p>			
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1021 Bankers Building,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
October 5, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE;
I.O. 1232; et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear sir:

Reference is made to letter to all field offices from the
Cleveland office dated September 19, 1936 and to letter to all field
offices from the Cleveland Office date September 29, 1936.

In view of the information contained in the latter letter
of reference, this case is being referred upon completion
to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

V. E. Peterson,
Special Agent in Charge.

✓ C. C. Bureau
C. C. Cleveland
C. C. St Paul.

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October 5, 1936.

by Bremer
E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio.

BREKID ^X THOMAS SHIRT COMPANY COLUMBUS SENT PACKAGE OF SHIRTS COD TO ^X E BRONSON
THIRTY ONE ELEVEN HARVARD AVENUE CLEVELAND JULY SIX NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR AMOUNT
ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS CHECK THROUGH POST OFFICE COLUMBUS SECURING
IDENTIFYING NUMBERS TO LOCATE ORIGINAL RECEIPT HERE EXPEDITE

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

which are hereby agreed to

Kansas City, Missouri,
October 5, 1936.

D. M. Ladd,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

BREKID REFER LETTER FIRST INSTANCE FROM CLEVELAND TO KANSAS CITY FORWARD
IMMEDIATELY LATEST PHOTOGRAPHS ALL PERSONS MENTIONED THEREIN THIS OFFICE
HAS NO PHOTOGRAPH OF WILSON BERG OR DELANEY

SMITH 7-576-13009

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Send the following radiogram "VIA MACKAY RADIO"
subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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OFFICE. FOR MESSENGER TELEPHONE POSTAL TELEGRAPH OR RING POSTAL CALL BOX.

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

HDR:MGR
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October 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your telegraphic request of October 5, 1936, and confirming teletype from the Cincinnati Office on this date, I wish to advise that Special Agent J. A. Cimperman at Columbus, Ohio, examined the C.O.D. records at the Main Post Office and ascertained that five packages were sent C.O.D., by the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 N. High Street, Columbus, to Mr. E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, on July 6, 1934, these packages being mailed at the Spring Street Annex Post Office. Each of the five C.O.D. packages was in the amount of \$25.40, making a total of \$127.00 due to sender. The five packages bore the following C.O.D. numbers, 81202, 81203, 81204, 81205 and 81206.

There is no record that any of these packages was returned to the sender as undelivered, or uncalled for.

Duplicate copies of the C.O.D. tickets mentioned above were made by Agent Cimperman and are being transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago
St. Paul

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: CLEVELAND 0711

FBI CINCINNATI 10-6-36 9:35 AM MOR

SAC CLEVELAND

PHONE. BREKID. / THOMAS SHIRT COMPANY COLUMBUS SENT FIVE PACKAGES OF
SHIRTS COD TO E. BRONSON, THREE ONE ONE ONE HARVARD AVENUE, CLEVELAND,
OHIO, ON JULY SIX NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. EACH PACKAGE WAS BILLED AT
TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS AND THE PACKAGES BORE THE FOLLOWING
C.C.D. NUMBERS EIGHT ONE TWO NAUGHT TWO COMMA EIGHT ONE TWO NAUGHT
THREE COMMA EIGHT ONE TWO NAUGHT FOUR COMMA EIGHT ONE TWO NAUGHT FIVE
AND EIGHT ONE TWO NAUGHT SIX.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

1443 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 3, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; FLOYD L.
KILMOR, Victim; The Equitable
Life Assurance Society of the
United States; EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 29, 1936, file No's 7-576 and 9-2122, wherein an explanation is desired setting forth the reason why two sets of evidence involved in the two above-entitled cases were submitted to the Technical Laboratory in one envelope going registered mail, contrary to the above-entitled cases' letters of transmittal.

Please be advised that on the particular night said mail was being prepared by the night clerk of this office, it was noticed that two pieces of registered mail were directed to the Technical Laboratory, which was after the letters had been written and signed. The night clerk placed both sets of evidence in one envelope so as to avoid the payment of a second piece of registered mail bearing the same destination. It was believed that so long as a copy of the letter of transmittal directed to the Director was clipped and enclosed with each piece of evidence, no confusion would ensue, and would, on the other hand, save the cost of one piece of registered mail.

If the Bureau does not deem this practice advisable, future transmittals to the Technical Laboratory will be enclosed in individual envelopes.

Very truly yours,

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J. L. MacFarland

Special Agent in Charge

OCT 10 1936

JJO

612 Marine Trust Bldg.
Buffalo, New York

October 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 30, 1936 requesting photograph and record of Joseph Roscoe, alias Roscoli.

Records at the Elmira Reformatory, Elmira, N.Y. failed to reflect that Joseph Roscoe alias Roscoli was ever in that institution, however, there was one Leonard Charles Roscoe alias Leonard Smith who was sentenced from Erie County October 14, 1927 on a charge of Grand Larceny 1st Degree. The Elmira records further reflect on October 27, 1927, Leonard Charles Roscoe alias Leonard Smith was sentenced from Erie County on a charge of Grand Larceny 1st Degree.

At the Erie County Jail the records failed to disclose a Joseph Roscoe as ever having been incarcerated in that institution, however, it reflects a Leonard Roscoe record is being set out below.

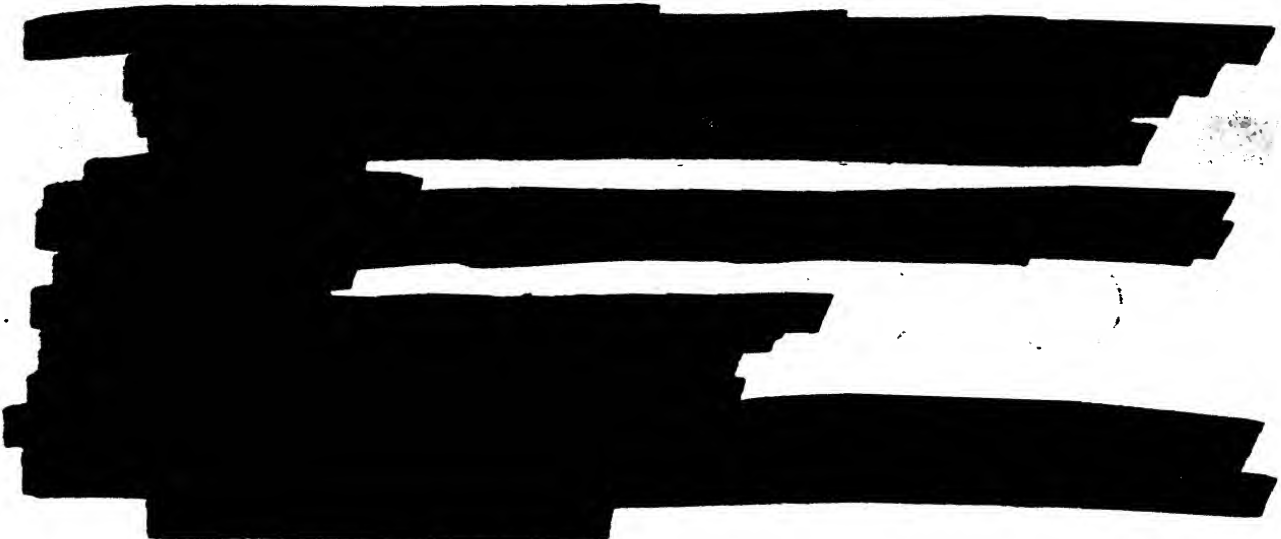
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Enclosed herewith is a photograph of Leonard Roscoe which was secured from the Erie County Sheriff's Office. The description of Roscoe as set forth on the back of this card is shown below.

Name	Leonard Roscoe alias Leonard Smith
Age	22
Height	120 3/4
Hair	Br. Chestnut
Complexion	Fair
Born	March 1, 1905, Buffalo, N.Y.
Height	5'5 or 6"
Eyes	Slaty
Nationality	American
Occupation	Welder
Fingerprint Class.	32 I 24 II
Remarks:	Tattoo- R forearm post 1/2 between wrist & elbow, small red heart with cross above - 2 stars, 1 either side lower part of heart. Letters "L.C.R." bottom of heart; 1 star 1/4" center out. 1 star 5/8" center upper lip, crescent shaped.
Arrested	Aug. 29, 1927

In view of the fact that there is no further investigation pending in this district this case is being referred upon completion to office of origin.

Very truly yours,

L. L. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

St. Paul, Chicago.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-5

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 10-4-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-3-36	REPORT MADE BY R. D. BROWN NK
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Stop notices filed with Secretaries of
State, Colo. and Wyo., on Ford V-8 Coupe,
motor #18-1615253, withdrawn.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Cleveland Office, dated September 29, 1936.

DETAILS:

Upon receipt of letter dated September 19, 1936, from the Cleveland Office, requesting that search be made at the offices of the Secretaries of State for each state covered by each field office, letters were directed to Mr. S. C. Becker, Chief, State Auto Theft Department, Motor Vehicle Division, State Treasurer's Office, Denver, Colorado, and to Hon. Lester C. Hunt, Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyoming, requesting that their records be thoroughly searched for the years 1935 and 1936 to determine whether or not a Ford DeLuxe Coupe, black in color, motor #18-1615253, had been registered in their respective states. These gentlemen were also requested to place enclosed stop notices against possible future registration of this car.

On September 26, 1936, a letter was received from Deputy Chief F. H. Heindl, State Auto Theft Department, Denver, Colorado, advising no

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record could be found of registration of 1935 Ford Coupe, motor #18-1615253, and that stop notices had been filed.

Upon receipt of reference letter from the Cleveland Office, advising of the location of this car, letters were directed to the State Auto Theft Department, Denver, Colorado, and to the Secretary of State, Lester C. Hunt, Cheyenne, Wyoming, requesting that the stop notices filed be withdrawn and destroyed.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION
TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

EPC:ON

September 29, 1936.

~~4-378~~
~~4-2122~~
Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

✓ UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; FLOYD L.
WILMOTH, Victim; The Equitable
Life Assurance Society of the
United States; EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Bureau's telegraphic message of September 26, 1936, concerning the failure of your office to transmit the original evidence described in the letters of September 24th prepared in your office in connection with the above-entitled cases, you are advised that both sets of evidence referred to were received by registered mail in the Bureau on September 23, 1936, both contained in the same envelope.

It is desired that your office submit a detailed explanation as to how this evidence was handled and why it was not transmitted as described in your letters.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 6, 1936.

R. E. Vetterli
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1300 Liberty Trust Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BUREAU AGENT SPARK REPORT RE NUMBER FIVE THIRTY FIVE ADVISE
PRESENT LOCATION REGISTRATION CARDS, KARPIS, CAMPBELL, DELANEY,
*BIRCH, AT DANMOR HOTEL. IF POSSESSION YOUR OFFICE FORWARD
CLEVELAND IMMEDIATELY.

MacFARLAND

EJV/EJB
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- DECODE -

October 6, 1936.

D. Brantley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REKID ADVISE NEW MAY REJECT REJECT ON ASSOCIATION BLOCK AND
COUNCIL WITH COUNCIL BILL WICK REID AS REJECTED SEPTEMBER TWENTY EIGHT.

MacPARKIN

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EAT:CDW

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

OCTOBER 8, 1936

Transmit the following message to:

CLEVELAND

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AUTHORITY GRANTED PAY ~~INFORMANT~~ FIFTY DOLLARS

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7-570-13018

OCT 1936

SENT VIA _____ M Per _____

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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October 7, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with telephonic request of Special Agent W. J. Wynn on October 6, 1936, I wish to advise that the proper person to subpoena to produce records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, is Mr. C. Ervin Kofer, Chief, Records Division, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 275 South Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio.

The records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles reflect the following registrations concerning automobiles involved in this case:

1934 Chevrolet Club Sedan, Motor #4102997, registered during 1934 under Ohio License C 19-665 in the name of H. J. Morley, 33 1/2 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio.

1934 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #4545656, registered during 1934 under Ohio License E-74-235 in the name of H. J. Morley, 33 1/2 Summit St., Toledo, Ohio.

1934 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #4482615, registered during 1934 under Ohio License 140-582, in the name of Mrs. J. B. Osborne, Clyde, Ohio.

1934 Ford DeLuxe Coupe, Motor #683460, registered during 1934 under Ohio License C 19-563, in the name of George Fairfield, 631 St. Clair, Toledo, Ohio.

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1312 1934 Ford Deluxe Sedan, Motor #899363, registered during 1934 under license (Ohio) C35-952, in the name of T. J. Powell, 1312 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio.

1935 Ford Coupe, Motor #18-429014, registered during 1935 under Ohio License HK-54 in the name of Charles Miller, 6604 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio. The records on this car disclosed that on 4-19-35 it was sold to Mr. George L. Van Houten, 925 Lincoln Ave., Toledo, Ohio, and new 1935 Ohio license 934-H was issued. The records indicate that Charles Miller purchased this car on 2-4-35.

Very truly yours,

T. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau
St. Paul
Chicago

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case:

October 6, 1936.

Number:

Brekid.

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Specimens:

- 46. Photostatic copy of original bill of sale #390144, signed "Chas. Miller".
- 47. One new car order dated September 13, 1935, signed "Chas. Miller".

Examination requested by:

Cleveland Office

Date received:

9/29/36

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

No conclusion was reached from a comparison of the signatures "Chas. Miller" with the known handwriting of the gangsters in this case. The reason for this is that the known handwriting of Fred Hunter does not contain a similar combination of letters or the use of enough words of a similar construction to enable adequate comparison.

It is desired to secure specimens of the known writing of Fred Hunter if possible with the name "Chas. Miller" and the address "6604 Pearl Rd." It is suggested if photographs are to be used to secure visual identification, they should include that of Fred Hunter.

The specimens identified as 46 and 47 will be returned to your office within the next several days, together with a photographic copy of 47.

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October 7, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau September 26, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

61023139

cc - Chicago
Mr. Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1 AHH

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 10-6-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-23, 24, 25-- 10-1 to 4-36	REPORT MADE BY S. K. McKEE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232 ET AL; Edward George Bremer, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Tony Amersbach, Butch Keusel, Ray Mulcahey, Earl Brazzil, George Langstaff, Pete Mele, Charles Storms, Bill Fink, Al Foerster, Rodger Knowles, Louis Monica, Al McCabe, Joe Catalona, Bert Trattner, Lefty Graham, Charles Crowle, Waddy Schoemaker, Bennie Cohen, Rube McNulty, Whitey Mattson, all of whom are employed at the Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, were questioned at the Cleveland office, but no admissions secured to show possible subjects harboring investigation knew identities of Karpis et al or were acquainted with fugitives. Investigation performed by Agent W. H. Hoffman proves present Harvard Club is operated as gambling house. F. W. Smith and E. P. Slade, formerly with A. W. Hebebrand Real Estate Company, furnished circumstances as to rental of house by Karpis, but could not explain how Karpis located house when it was not advertised nor placarded. Dr. John E. Hannibal, Cleveland, Ohio, treated Gladys Sawyer during summer 1934, but he could not state who referred her to him except someone from Harvard Club. G. S. Frambes, Sr., Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, Ohio, identifies Fred Barker and Harry Campbell as two of shirt purchasers at Harvard Club on 5-19-34 after telephone call received from Hebebrand requesting he come to club. Investigation reveals 1935 Ford coupe, motor #18-1615253, was traded to Manning Marino Motor Company, Youngstown, Ohio, 9-17-35 on 1935 Hudson coupe, motor #68021 by Charles Miller, 6606 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio, and Hudson coupe was re-sold to motor company on 11-1-35. No idents as to Charles Miller other than some</p>			
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resemblance to Fred Hunter. Investigation shows temporary BUREAU OFFICE telephone, Toledo, Ohio, not tapped. Place previously known as "Three Sisters Tavern" identified as Twilight Inn, Parma Heights, Ohio, where numerous employees of Harvard Club hung out. Sally, Pauline and Florence Jackson, who operated this place in 1934-35, interviewed and named Harvard Club employees who patronized same, but denied Karpis and associates known to them. Further interviews as to "tipoff" conducted with negative results. Summary of data secured thru Ardell Quinn telephone tap set out herein. Quinn woman arrested 9-26-36 in WSTA case and now under \$10,000 bond pending grand jury action. Beachcliff Building Company telephone tap discontinued 9-23-36. Tap installed on home telephone of Art Hebebrand 9-30-36; no data of value obtained thus far. Leo "Pug" Smith located and interviewed, but nothing of value obtained.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, September 22, 1936.

DETAILS: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

This report represents the activity of the various agents whose names appear hereinafter in connection with a particular investigation.

X was Tapped

During the period of this report Special Agents H. A. Snow and W. H. Hoffman have continued to maintain a telephone tap on the phone of Ardell Quinn, notorious bawdy house madam, 1916 East 84th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and this tap is still in effect. A summary of the information obtained over this tap will be set out later in this report. On September 26, 1936, the Quinn woman was arrested

as a result of information received thru this tap, and she is presently under bond of \$10,000 pending presentment of her case involving violation of the White Slave Traffic Act to a grand jury at Cleveland, Ohio. The details of this matter are being covered in a separate file.

The telephone tap on the phone of the Beachcliff Building Company, Rocky River, Ohio, place of business of Hebebrand and Patton, as maintained by Special Agents W. B. Matney and L. Levin, was discontinued on September 23, 1936, inasmuch as no information of value was being obtained. This tap revealed that neither Hebebrand nor Patton spent any time at their office and, in fact, spent most of their time at the scene of their building operations.

On September 30, 1936, a tap was installed on the home telephone of Arthur W. Hebebrand at 3909 West 158th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, number Clearwater C171. The installation was made by Special Agents C. E. Smith and L. F. Malone. The listening end of this tap is located in the home of J. C. Ferguson, 3827 West 158th Street, telephone Clearwater 2485-M, and same is being covered on a twenty-four-hour per day basis by Special Agents W. B. Matney and E. J. Lowd. To date no information of value has been obtained thru this tap, the majority of the conversations being between the wife of Hebebrand and other woman on subjects not connected with this investigation.

Interviews with the various employees of the Harvard Club for the purpose of obtaining information which would show knowledge on the part of Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton and others that Karpis and his associates were fugitives in this case and that these parties knew the true identities of the fugitives have been continued during the period of this report, as follows:

On 9-24-36 Benjamin Cohen, who resides at 1408 Parkgate Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, appeared at this office and was interviewed by Special Agent L. Levin, at which time he stated he was born November 21, 1904 in Cleveland and had attended the public schools of the city, completing the eighth grade of grammar school; that subsequent to this he clerked in several drug stores in the city and about 1923 he went to New Castle, Pennsylvania, to visit his sisters and brothers-in-law; that while he was there, being unemployed, his brothers-in-law loaned him some money and also gave him a space to start a store known as a pet shop; that he took to this, naturally, since he has always been interested in outdoor life; that he operated this store in New Castle for about seven years, during which time he resided with his sister, and that finally he had to give up the business, because of the depression, and then returned to his home in Cleveland, where he secured employment in the office of his cousin, Marvin Cohen, who was in the insurance and bail bond business. He worked with this cousin for about a year, at which time the cousin died, and he was again unemployed; that during this period he became acquainted with Art Hebebrand, for whom the cousin wrote a great deal of insurance and bonds, but he was unable to furnish any details of the type of bonds his cousin wrote for Hebebrand, and, in fact, was unable to clearly give any details of his brother's business.

The man stated he tried to find employment for about a year and a half without success and that he finally approached Art Hebebrand at the Harvard Club and asked for any kind of work; that he was put to work as a sheet writer at the club in the horse room, but he was unable to explain how it was that he, being inexperienced in the line of horse betting and racing, was hired. He stated his salary was \$30 weekly and that one Art Slessinger was in charge of the horse room at the time Cohen started working there and that Slessinger continued in that capacity until the summer of 1935. Cohen states he first started working at the club during the summer of 1932. With respect to this Slessinger, Cohen claimed to be unable to furnish any data with the exception that he knew he was married, but could not furnish

the wife's maiden name nor any information as to where Slessinger originated or where he had gone after leaving the club.

Continuing, Cohen stated he was in the horse room of the club for about six months and that he was then made a ladder man and that now he is a floor man, and his salary is presently \$12 daily. His hours are from 6:00 pm to closing, and his duties consist solely in seeing that the dealers have enough silver to carry on the games; that he is more or less a glorified messenger boy.

Cohen insisted that he knew none of the personnel of the club prior to starting to work there and that he has since become rather friendly with Danny Gallagher by reason of the following circumstance:

About December 1934 Cohen decided he needed a vacation and thought he'd go to Miami, inasmuch as he had never been there. He casually mentioned this at the club, and Gallagher, who was quite ill at the time, also wanted to go away. Consequently, either Art Hebebrand or Shimmy Patton, or both, suggested that Gallagher accompany Cohen on the trip; the club paid the transportation costs of both Cohen, and Gallagher, and Cohen states he drew two weeks salary in advance to defray his personal expenses. They left Cleveland by air and were forced down at Pittsburgh and went on the train from there to Miami, where they first registered in the Hajeyon Hotel, staying for two or three days and then went over to the Everglades Hotel; their time was taken up with going to the horse and dog races; after being in Miami for about ten days they took a boat ride to Cuba for no other reason than to take the ride and to see Cuba. They arrived in Cuba in the morning and spent the time in sight seeing, going to visit such places as breweries, churches and cemeteries and then spent that night at some hotel there, name not recalled. They spent the following day also in sight seeing and that night they took the boat back, disembarking at Key West, Florida, from where they took the train back to Miami and returned to the Everglades, from which point in a day or so they returned to Cleveland. The entire trip took about two weeks.

Cohen insisted that as far as he was concerned the trip to Miami was a pure vacation and that there was no other reason for the trip; that he does not know if Gallagher had any ulterior motive and that he does not know why the club paid their transportation costs; that he was never cautioned by anyone to steer clear of any person in Florida and

that as far as he knows, Gallagher made no contacts of any kind while they were there; that the only person he can remember meeting in Florida was one Ralph Smith, a former dealer at the club, which meeting was very casual at one of the two dog tracks they visited. He was asked about the name Joe Adams and claimed never to have heard it before. He was, likewise, asked about any business deals that Gallagher may have transacted there, and stated he was with Gallagher most of the time and he knew of no deals of any kind. With respect to the telephone call made by Gallagher to the club, Cohen stated that he knew nothing about it beforehand and that it is possible Gallagher made such a call and also possible that he might have talked with some of the employees of the club; that he cannot recall if he did, but that if he did, it was only for the purpose of telling them he was having a fine time and enjoying himself, and it certainly wasn't for the purpose of reporting the results of any business deal in Florida.

At this point the writer desires to note that Cohen answered every question with some expression denoting his inability to definitely say that one thing had or had not happened; that is, he was always using the words "possibly, probably, approximately, or I can't recall exactly" in order that when the same question might be asked him a second time he might be able to answer in any way.

Cohen stated that he was continually working at the Harvard Club with the exception of the above trip and another trip that he took to Bermuda, sometime during August and September 1935, which trip lasted for about three weeks. He made this trip by himself and like the other one, it was purely for his health and that it had no significance at all. He admitted that for almost four years he has been employed at the Harvard Club and claimed that "Toots" Talbot and "Shorty" Conway are only the fronts for Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton; that he takes orders from "Toots" and "Shorty" and that he gets his pay daily from these same individuals.

Cohen was shown numerous pictures of Karpis et al and claimed to be able to identify only the photographs of Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, Tip O'Neill, Milton Lett and Fred Hunter. With respect to Hebebrand and Patton, he knows them

as a result of his business at the club; that he knows O'Neill in the same way; that Fred Hunter, whose name he claimed not to know was formerly about two years ago a black-jack dealer at the club; Cohen could not say that Hunter was very friendly with any particular persons at the club and claimed to have no information about him, with the exception that he worked at the club for about three months. With respect to Milton Lett, Cohen stated that he knew him under the name of "Willie" and that he was a "shill" at the club for a period of time also about two years ago; was unable or claimed to be unable to furnish any data with respect to Lett, either his residence, his friends or who may have originally hired him to work at the club.

It is worthy to note that Cohen when shown a photo of Patton refused absolutely to identify the photo, stating that altho it resembled Patton, yet since it was a side view, he was unable to say positively that it was Patton. This same attitude was displayed throughout the interview. With respect to the photographs of Karpis et al, Cohen stated that he did not know these people, nor had he ever seen any of them either at the club or elsewhere.

Cohen was questioned with respect to his income tax returns and stated that he had filed one for last year and that on one occasion, placing the time as being last summer or fall, someone at the club told him to see Geisy at the club and file the return. He stated that the return was made out for him by Geisy and that it showed income of \$3600, and he was employed as the Avenue Catering Company. He was unable to recall if he had signed the return or if he had sworn to it, but was absolutely certain that Geisy had made it out for him. He was unable to say who had brought Geisy to the club and also that he had not filed a return for any previous years, altho his earnings for each year since he started working at the club were in excess of \$3500. He was questioned as to the reason for being able to remember the name Geisy, particularly since he could remember no other details and inferred that the name had been furnished him either by "Toots" or "Shorty" within the last week or so, but would not definitely state this was the case. He was also questioned as to any bank accounts and stated that he now maintains a savings account at the National City Bank, which was

formerly the Guardian Trust and has a balance of about \$1000. He stated in response to a question that he also maintains a safety deposit box at the Commercial and Savings Bank, having rented same about six months ago. He was asked why he had gone to another bank to rent this box and was unable to give any answer and then later on stated he had about \$400 which he was using to bet on the horses and that he wanted to keep that amount separate from his savings; also that he had been in the box about a week or so ago and claimed that the purpose was to find out if he had any cash left in the box, explaining that he was unable to tell from the last time he was in the box whether any cash was left or not. Obviously, this story was fabricated.

Cohen states he is the sole support of his mother, father, sister and her two children, all of whom reside at 1408 Parkgate Avenue with him and explained all of his gambling activities on the basis of being able to make a living for these persons and himself. He felt that this reason justified his actions of working in a gambling joint.

He was asked for his opinion as to how it was possible for a gambling joint to run, since it is an illegal activity, and stated he had nothing to do with that; that his duties were as stated and that he didn't even have an opinion as to whether law enforcement officials might be accepting graft for the purpose of permitting the club to operate.

The following description was secured during the questioning:

Name	- Benjamin Cohen (claims no alias used)
Address	- 1408 Parkgate Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
Age	- 34 (born 11-21-02, Cleveland, Ohio)
Height	- 5' 8"
Weight	- 120 lbs.
Hair	- black, straight, parted on right side
Eyes	- slate
Complexion	- sallow
Build	- slender
Marital status	- single (claims never married)
Education	- 8th grade public school
Occupation	- gambler
Crim. record	- claims never arrested on any charge
Relatives:	- father, Harry Cohen) all at 1408
	mother, Anna) Parkgate Ave.,
	sister, Minnie Abelson) Cleveland,
	brother, Jack) Ohio

- brother, Isadore, is mail clerk,
United States Post Office,
Cleveland, Ohio;
- brother, William, shoemaker, Euclid and
Lakewood Avenues, Cleveland, Ohio
- sister, Ida Cohen, New Castle, Penn.
" Mary Abkowitz, New Castle, Penna.

Louis J. Mattson, employed at the Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, called at the Cleveland office on September 24, 1936, and was interviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan. Mattson stated that he resides at 2214 Carabel Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, and that he is married and has two small children; that his original home is Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he has a mother and sister and brother residing at 4218 Portland Avenue.

Before coming to Cleveland he worked two years in Chicago, Illinois, at 63d and Cottage Grove Avenues, at the Southland Club, a gambling house, for Bill Johnson, his work being as a crap dealer. He has been employed at the Harvard Club for about eight months, coming there first in April 1935, when he worked a week and then went to the Thomas Club for three or four months and then returned to the Harvard Club about August 15, 1935, and has been there ever since, except when it was closed, during which time he went to Detroit, Michigan, and worked five weeks for Carl Meyers in a bookie place in Ecorse, Michigan.

He returned to Cleveland about April 1, 1936, and has been employed at the Harvard Club since that time. He was previously employed as a crap dealer from 12 noon to 9 p.m., but since the reopening of the club he has been employed as a ladder man and works from 7:30 p.m. till closing. He stated that he has been in the gambling racket for about sixteen years and has also bootlegged, being arrested once in Detroit for bootlegging, for which he received a sentence of thirty days in federal court, this being in February of either 1932 or 1933. He further stated that he left Minneapolis about 1916 or 1917 and only makes occasional visits there now and never worked in the gambling game there. From that time to date he has spent about twelve years in Detroit, Michigan. He first worked for Johnny Ryan at 21 Elizabeth Street, Ryan being the one who preceded Fitzgerald as the leader of the gambling syndicate in Detroit. About ten years ago he worked for

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about ten days for one Dugan at the Crescent Club, 631 St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio, and has not worked at any other place in Toledo.

Mattson stated that Toots Talbot appears to be the proprietor of the Harvard Club at the present time, along with Shorty Conway, but in 1935 and before the club was closed early in January 1936 Hebebrand, Patton and Gallagher were the ones who took full charge of the club, and it is believed they are the ones behind the place now. As for the alleged "fix", Mattson stated that he knows nothing about that, except that he knows there must be one or the place could not operate.

As for the Income Tax, Mattson stated that he was away during the early part of 1936 when the accounts for 1935 were being prepared and when he came back Talbot told him that they had put his name in for the income tax. He was unable to give any other details about the matter but did not pay any income tax and no form was shown to him to sign. However, he stated that he was at the club only about 5 months in 1935 and did not make enough money there or any other place to pay a tax with the three dependents that he has.

When shown the photographs of the persons involved or under investigation herein Mattson was unable to identify either Fred Hunter or Milton Lett as ever having been employed or seen by him at the Harvard Club. He stated that if Hunter was a black jack dealer there at the club, then he, Mattson, should have seen him as the table where Mattson worked at that time was the closest one to the black-jack table. He recalled one Heimy, a large Jewish man, as one of the black-jack dealers and thought that Marty Kutzen as a light-haired man about the build of himself, Mattson.

Mattson advised that after the newspapers carried the accounts to the effect that Karpis and others had been at the Harvard Club there was a general discussion among the dealers and employees, and he did not hear anyone say they had seen Karpis there, but did hear some of them say that if Karpis was there, they did not see him. Mattson was unable to make any other identifications from the photographs shown to him, except the local characters.

The following is a description of Louis J. Mattson:

Peter H. Garish, 5818 Rocky River Drive, Brookpark, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, stated that he is proprietor of the Airport Tavern, a night club, which is located at 7000 Rocky River Drive, near the Cleveland Airport; that he is of Austrian parentage but born in New York City. He said he has lived in Cleveland for the past 24 years and has been in the restaurant business since the World War and previous to that time he operated an employment agency in Cleveland.

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the Harvard Club many times. He said that Shimmy Patton and Art Hebebrand gave him the concession at the Harvard Club and that he has known these men about seven years. He denied any knowledge of any members of the gang having been at the club or any "fix" by means of which the club was allowed to operate. He said that his restaurant was in one end of this club and that he employed about five persons whom he could remember: namely: Jim Cleveland, the cook, who now lives in Newburgh Heights and is well known there; Mr. White, a counter man whose residence Jim Cleveland can tell if desired; Evans, a colored porter, Berea, Ohio, and waitresses Eilene and May, whereabouts unknown.

Garish recollected that he operated The Everglades, a night club, in Cleveland for four months just before he opened the Airport Tavern. John Nestor (or Josh Nestor) took over the restaurant in the Harvard Club when Peter Garish gave it up.

Following is a description of Peter H. Garish obtained from observation and questioning:

Age	- 52 years
Height	- 5' 11"
Weight	- 150 lbs.
Build	- thin
Hair	- black, grey at temples
Glasses	- wears
Scars and Marks	- wart on right forehead
Marital Status	- married, two children.

At the request of Special Agents R. T. Noonan and J. B. Fitzgerald Mr. Joseph Catalona of 3574 East 151st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, appeared at the Cleveland Bureau office and was interviewed by said agents September 24, 1936, relative to his connection with the Harvard Club and for what information he had which might be of value in instant investigation.

Catalona stated that his parents were Italian but that he was born in Syracuse, New York, later moved to Buffalo, New York, where he lived foru years, then came to Cleveland, Ohio,

when still a small boy and has resided in Cleveland until the present time. He stated that he started to work at the Harvard Club during the latter part of March 1936 and has worked there regularly since last May as a dealer on the crap tables. He said he was off work for four and one-half years prior to the fall of 1934 with stomach trouble that prevented him from doing any kind of work. He then went to work at the Thomas Club in Cleveland where he worked for a year and a half just before going to work at the Harvard Club. Before his illness Catalona worked at the Ridge Road Club, a gambling resort on said road, just outside of Cleveland, which club was operated by a Bill Smith, an Akron, Ohio, gambler.

Catalona stated that at the present time he is a dealer on a crap table at the Harvard Club working for "Toots" Talbot and Shorty (last name unknown) and that the floor men are Benny Cohen and Max Gladstone. He said Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton are known to him and often seen by him around the village where the Harvard Club is located, but has never seen either one of them in the club, although he "supposes" they have something to do with the club. The photos of the Barker-Karpis gang and the Cleveland individuals were shown to him, but he identified only the Clevelanders and said that none of the others were familiar to him. Catalona said that he knows nothing about a "fix" and never heard such a thing discussed in connection with the Harvard Club.

In regard to income tax, this man stated he made a return for the years 1934 and 1935, having earned \$3100 each year, but it was not necessary for him to pay any tax because of his dependants. Neither of these returns was made out at the Harvard Club, because he was not employed there at the proper time.

Following is a description of Joseph Catalona obtained from observation and questioning:

Age	-	41 yrs.
Height	-	5' 10"
Weight	-	196 lbs.
Hair	-	black
Eyes	-	brown
Complexion	-	dark

Shoemaker stated further that his home is in Detroit, Michigan; that he is married and has two sons and two daughters and that one boy and one girl reside with Mrs. Shoemaker, his wife, at the Shoemaker home, 5600 French Road, and that he has been

married for twenty-five years. He has been in the gambling racket for about fifteen years and has worked numerous places in Detroit. He worked for Lefty Clarke in the Palm Gardens in Detroit before he came to Cleveland for a period of about one and one-half years. He also worked for this same combination at one time in a gambling house in Ecorse, Michigan, the name of the place as far as he can recall being "Ecorse" as the dice had that name on them. Shoemaker furnished the names of the men in this combination as follows: Lefty Clarke, Sammy Gordon and Freddie Angus. The other combination in Detroit, which has no connection with this one and is sometimes called the Fitzgerald-Sullivan combination is made up of the following: Lincoln Fitzgerald, Dan Sullivan, Tommy Gleason, George Weinbrenner, known as Big St. Louis Dutch (now out of the combination but still one of those involved with this combination in the income tax violations), Emmet Grace and Sidney Meyer. Weinbrenner, above mentioned, is now engaged in the making of dice and all kinds of gambling equipment in a place located on Columbus Street in Detroit.

With reference to the Charlet Club in Detroit Shoemaker stated that it is operated by one McNamara and three Jews, Sam Weisman, Most Polinski and one called "CF" who comes from Canada.

Shoemaker stated that he knows only one member of the gambling element in Toledo, Ohio, that being Sam Hesler who used to be around Detroit years ago and has gone back to Toledo. He never worked in Toledo.

Concerning the income tax payments at the Harvard Club, Shoemaker advised that a man by the name of Guese or Geese, who is supposed to be some kind of an auditor, came to the club and made out the forms for the employees to sign. About a week before Shoemaker saw his return all made out he was asked by this man how many dependents he had. When he went into the office at the club and signed this return, he stated that he swore to it before this man and that Shorty Conway was in the office at the time. He did not recall the exact amount which was shown as his income but stated it was about \$3000. At any rate as he had many dependents he did not have to pay any income tax.

After viewing the photographs shown to him Shoemaker was able to identify all the local characters, stating that Tip O'Neil has not been at the club for two or three weeks and that when he is there he just walks around the place and Shoemaker does not know whether O'Neil has a financial interest in the place or not. He was unable to identify Hunter as having been at

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the club as an employee but stated that if Hunter had been employed at the black-jack table as a dealer he might not have seen him as he does not get in close touch with the black-jack employees. As for the photograph of Milton Lett he was able to identify the photograph as being that of a party who worked as a "shill" at the club under the name of Willie. Shoemaker stated that he heard some of the boys who had been in for questioning, Ray Mulcahy in particular, remarking that the "young kid who shilled around here is wanted", which surprised Shoemaker and many of the others. He stated he last saw Lett when the club was operating in its former place of business and has not seen him since the present place opened. He does recall that he saw Lett talking to Sharkey Gorman often, and they used to go around together. He advised further, however, that he did not pay any particular attention to Lett as there were many shills, perhaps 4 or 5 around the place at that time.

Shoemaker advised that after the newspapers carried an account saying that Karpis was out to the club many of the dealers discussed it among themselves, but he never heard anyone say they had seen Karpis out there. Shoemaker did not read this article and did not see the photograph of Karpis in the papers, but he heard this from others who had read the article. He further stated that the employees who have been interviewed in this matter seem to have reached the conclusion that the government is trying to get some of the "bosses" for renting places to Karpis and others and for bringing them in here.

Shoemaker also stated that Marty Kutzen, often called Marty Kuntz, is now working as a crap dealer at the Chesterfield Club in Detroit and that Mickey McGee is also working as a crap dealer at the Charlet Club in Detroit. McGee worked at the Harvard Club, coming there in March or April 1935, shortly after he, Shoemaker, came to the club in February 1935.

The following is a description of Walter F. Shoemaker:

Age	-	53 yrs. Dec. 1888
Height	-	5' 5"
Weight	-	155 lbs.
Hair	-	grey
Eyes	-	blue
Complexion	-	medium ruddy

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Marital status: married, 4 children
all residing 5600 French Rd.,
Detroit, Michigan
Residence Quad Hall, Euclid and
75th, Cleveland, Ohio
Relatives: Mrs. Julius Steiber,
Mrs. Roy (Lillian) Kehn or
Keihn, sisters, Detroit,
Michigan, exact addresses
unknown
Crim. record claims none

Allen G. Foerster, commonly referred to as Al Foster, was interviewed at the Cleveland office on September 23, 1936, by Special Agent S. K. McKee. Foerster resides at 793 East 88th St., Cleveland, Ohio, and is presently employed as a crap dealer at the Harvard Club. He advised he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the public schools through the third year of high school. After leaving school he worked for a short time as a clothing salesman in Cleveland and later in Chicago, Illinois. From 1930 to 1932 he organized and operated a chain of cleaning and pressing stores in Cleveland known as the AAAA Cleaners, but gave up this project after becoming the victim of "muscle" tactics from the Cleaners and Tailors Union. In this connection he stated he had some of his friends beat up one Solomon of the above union upon the advice of Detective Cowles of the Cleveland Police Department after several of his stores had been "stink bombed". He said he was finally forced to cease operations; however, because of the activities of the union.

He advised that during the latter part of 1932 he went to work for Sam "Gamboy" Miller and Frank Rosen at the Thomas Club, a known gambling house, starting as a shiller and later breaking in as a crap dealer. He remained in this job until the latter part of 1934 when he went to Miami, Florida, to get work as a dealer, but was unable to do so due to the fact that several killings had occurred in Miami and the authorities would ^{not} permit the gambling houses to open. He said he returned to Cleveland, Ohio, and tried to get back his old job at the Thomas Club, but said Miller would not re-employ him. Through Rosen, however, he obtained a job as crap dealer at the Harvard Club, Bennie Levine, now deceased, who was then the floor boss, having put him to work. He said he has remained with the Harvard Club until the present time and is receiving \$12 per day with \$2 per hour for overtime work.

Foerster was shown a large group of photographs including those of the Barker-Karpis gang, operators of the Harvard, and persons thought to be connected with this investigation. He readily identified the photographs of Hebebrand, Patton and Tip O'Neil. He described Hebebrand and Patton as the active operators of the old Harvard Club and as the "silent" operators of the present establishment, saying in this connection that Toots Talbot and Shorty Conway are fronting at the place for the real owners. He identified the picture of Milton Lett as a shiller at the old club during 1935. He could not fix the period when Lett was employed, nor did he know who hired him, but he advised he was known as Willie, and on one occasion during a conversation Lett told him that he was living at the Mecca Hotel. Foerster said he saw Lett "kibitzing" with Sharkey and Tony, the doormen on any number of occasions. He could not supply information as to whom Lett associated with while working at the club. He identified the photo of Fred Hunter as a blackjack dealer at the club during 1935, stating that another dealer was let go at the time Hunter was put to work.

He said Hunter was known to the other dealers as Freddie; that he never saw him associating with anyone; and also that he never saw him except at the club. With respect to Tip O'Neil he stated that O'Neil does not appear to do anything at the club except to hang around, and he has thought for a long time that he was merely watching after the interests of Shimmy Patton inasmuch as the two are known to be very close and old-time friends. Foerster could not recognize any other pictures as persons he had seen at the Harvard Club or elsewhere.

In response to questions Foerster said he had read about the Bremer kidnaping in the newspapers and had also read about the arrests of the three women at the Cleveland Hotel, in which connection the names of Art Hebebrand and Bill Mitchell were carried in the papers as having rented certain houses to members of the mob. He stated, however, that he had never heard this matter discussed by any dealers at the club, saying that the dealers never had much of a chance to talk to each other and that it was not good policy to ask too many questions.

The following descriptive data as to Foerster was furnished by him:

Name	-	Allen G. Foerster
Age	-	26 yrs; born 8-25-09, Cleveland, O.
Height	-	6 ft.

Weight	- 189 lbs.
Hair	- dark brown
Scar	- 1½" sc. left forehead
Eyes	- brown
Nationality	- American, Jewish extraction
Crim. record	- Cleveland, Ohio, on several occasions for investigation; believes been
Marital status	- married, 1 child and <u>photographed</u>
Relatives	1 step-child
	- Morris Foerster, father, 793 E. 88th
	Sarah Foerster, mother, 793 E. 88th
	Gerald Foerster, brother, 793 E. 88th
	Elizabeth Foerster, sister, same
	Gertrude Foerster, sister, same
	Emery E. Foerster, brother, 797 E. 90th
	Mrs. Allen G. Foerster, wife, 793 E. 88th
	all - Cleveland, Ohio

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan under date of September 23, 1936:

Albert McCabe was located at the University Circle Apartments, 2024 East 107th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and was brought to the Cleveland office where he was interviewed. He stated that he is thirty-seven years of age, born August 19, 1899, and that he has been married 14 years June 9, 1936. At the start of the interview McCabe advised that he would tell all that he knew, but that he would not guess at anything that he did not know; that he was willing to assist the government in any way that he could.

McCabe stated that he has been employed at the Harvard Club as a crap game dealer off and on for three years. He came there first on January 15, 1934, just after the club moved into the large building on Harvard Avenue and worked at that time until April 1, 1934, when he went on the road with a circus. He returned January 7, 1935 and worked until March 5, 1935, when he went to Dallas, Texas, to join the circus and was gone until December 7, 1935, when he returned and worked a few weeks until the club was closed early in January 1936. After the closing of the club he went to Detroit and worked for Fitzgerald and others at the Chesterfield Club for about four weeks, returning to the Harvard Club about four weeks or so later after it had been open for about a week in its present location. At the time of this last employment he came back in response to a telephone call from Toots Talbot, who asked him to come back to work.

McCabe advised that he has been legal adjuster for the Sam B. Dill Shows for many years past, this show being known now as the Tom Mix Circus, or the Round-Up Amusement Company. The last year it operated it was known on the road as the Sam B. Dill and Tom Mix Shows Combined. In the fall of 1935 McCabe was with the Russell Brothers Shows until the closing of the season in September 1935. He intends to go on the road next summer, this last one being the only one in many years that he has missed.

It was further stated by McCabe that his home is in Toledo, Ohio, where he has three sisters, Mrs. Catherine Scott, Mrs. Sadie Carmes and Mrs. Sam B. Dill, all residing at 3386 Cherry Street. He worked in a drug store that he owned himself at one time in Toledo and is a registered pharmacist in the state of Ohio. About seven years ago he began work for Tom Worland in Toledo at 508 Summit Street, working for about five weeks and then went to the Jovial Club then operated by Elmer Danley and Ed Warndke, Danley being the one that hired him, and he worked three or four years for them. He advised that he also had a place of his own which he operated after one Pearl Barber, negro, was killed, the place being known as Gus Wilson's and was located at 617 Monroe Street. This place was operated by him in conjunction with two negroes named Jerry Sample and one Roach, first name not recalled. This lasted only a short time when he got out of this and went in with one Harry Levine, known as "the lug", and not the Harry Levine connected with Jimmy Hayes. The Levine in question is now dead. At that time Thatcher was mayor of Toledo, but Jackson had just been elected. In this place with Levine he stated he went broke, this being about the fall of 1933 and that after being out of work for three or four months he came to Cleveland.

With reference to the Toledo situation McCabe stated he is well acquainted there and knows Ted and Bart Angus, Joe Roscoe and many others, knowing George Timiney very well. In Toledo he stated he did not pay off and believes that is why he did not operate very long. Sample and Roach, the negroes, were operating a policy game at the time he joined with them, and they secured him to manage the gambling part of the place, he, McCabe, having no investment financially at that time. These

two negroes were supposed to have some "fix" arranged but he does not believe they had any because the place had numerous police calls, so many, in fact, that the customers soon began to stop coming there, and the place had to go out of business. The alleged fix at that time was supposed to be one Clarence Vena, a negro, who at the present time is located in the Produce Exchange Building, Madison and New York Streets, Toledo. Ford was then in charge of the vice squad, but he was later replaced by Timiney, who took over everything, vice, hoodlum and other enforcement. When he went in with Levine, McCabe stated that he put up \$1500 as his end of the deal, and they operated about four weeks. Levine was supposed to arrange the "fix" at that time and was supposed to have some connection, but no money was paid out as far as he, McCabe, knew. The police raided the place several times and he was hauled before the local judges, Cole and Leonard E. Donovan, that he can recall, being released each time, as no evidence was discovered. On one of the raids three or four of the players were booked overnight and the publicity given to this and the raids put the place out of business.

A few days after the place closed he and Levine secured another \$500 each and reopened, but met the same situation and had to close out for good, although at the time other places were operating and were not being bothered.

McCabe advised at this time, being questioned by Agent Sullivan, that Timiney started going with Ethel Marks shortly after the death of her husband, Chet Marks, but how he started going with this woman McCabe did not know. He has heard rumors lately that Timiney is now going with Mrs. Jimmy Hayes. Pearl Barber, negro, was the "power" in Toledo for a long time until Jimmy Hayes came in. With reference to Ted Angus, he stated that he never heard that Angus was the "fix" but does know that Ted Angus took in the money very fast from some source at one time and appeared to be very prosperous.

With reference to the manner in which the income tax is taken care of at the Harvard Club for the employees, McCabe stated that some man whom he thought was an attorney and once thought might have been connected with the income tax office, came to the club and figured up the incomes of the various employees. He, McCabe, was called into the office at the club and asked if he had any other income for 1935 other than what he made at the club. After figuring up what he had made and also a sum of \$2500

which he had received from his sister in a transaction involving an interest in the circus he still did not make enough so that he had to pay any tax and, therefore, no return was made out for him. He advised that he did not work long for the club in 1935 less than three months. Since about March 1, 1936, he has received about an average of \$12 per day and has worked steadily.

At the present time the men who are the "bosses" at the Harvard Club are Talbot and Conway, but the men who appeared to be the owners, proprietors and operators prior to January 10, 1936, were Hebebrand, Patton and Gallagher. When he first went to work in 1934 for the club he stated he was hired by Billy Mitchell, but Mitchell soon left the club, and he does not appear there any more. At the time he was hired McCabe understood that Mitchell and Gallagher were the operators but stated that he soon learned the real "bosses" were Hebebrand and Patton.

Hebebrand took an active part and was, in fact, the "czar". Talbot was then only a clerk but got in and was placed in charge when Gallagher got sick, and he has remained more or less in charge ever since. Benny Cohen and Maxie Gladstone are floormen at the present time, and, according to McCabe, seem to have something to do with the operation of the club. McCabe claims that he does not know where the "fix" is but knows that there is one or the place could not operate.

McCabe advised that he was not in Cleveland when the women were picked up in the Cleveland Hotel in September 1934 and did not remember reading about it. He did read certain articles in the newspapers since the reopening of the club or about that time about Karpis being in Cleveland, and he stated he has heard discussions among the employees concerning Karpis and what he draws is that Karpis and others of the mob were living in Cleveland in a house or houses owned or rented by Bill Mitchell.

Various photographs were shown to McCabe, but he was unable to make any identifications. With reference to Willie Harrison, he stated that Harrison's face looked familiar and that he looked like a doorman who once worked for the Jovial Club in Toledo, that party being a former railroad man and also walked with a limp; said party later had a fight with the owner of the Jovial Club and went to Chicago and later came back to Toledo and tried to hold up the Jovial Club.

After viewing the photograph of Paula Harmon he stated that she looked like a former girl inmate of a house of prostitution in Toledo, 117 Lafayette Street, operated by Marie Harrington. This Harrington woman was married to one Sammie Shimbaugh, who is now serving time in the penitentiary for a violation of the narcotic laws.

McCabe could not recall ever having seen Hunter or Lett and did not think they could have worked there, at least not very long, or he would have known it even though it might have been when he was not there. McCabe was able readily to identify all of the local characters in question when shown their photographs.

Concerning Mickey McGee, it was his opinion that such was the correct name of this party and that he was in Detroit at the present time. McGee once worked for Fitzgerald in Detroit at the Chesterfield Club and then quit, and for this reason McCabe felt sure he would not be working at that club as Fitzgerald never put a man back to work who once quit him. He suggested that McGee would perhaps be at the Charlet Club on Gratiot Avenue at the end of the car line or the McKarmar Club working for Murphy. There was a possibility he stated that McGee might be at the River Rouge Club but doubted that he was there. He further suggested that inquiry be made at the Detroit Hotel where McGee would probably be staying.

Concerning Marty Kutzen, he stated that this party was working nights at the Chesterfield Club in Detroit at the present time.

The following is a description of Albert McCabe:

Age	- 37 born 8-19-99
Height	- 5' 8"
Weight	- 200 lbs.
Hair	- brown
Eyes	- blue
Complexion	- medium light
Glasses	- rimless type
Speech	- talks with nasal tone
Occupation	- gambler and circus representative

Marital status - married, no children
 Residence - University Circle Apartments, 2024 E. 107th St., Cleveland, Ohio

 Relatives: - sisters:
 Mrs. Catherine Scott,
 Mrs. Sadie Carnes
 Mrs. Sam Dill
 all at 3386 Cherry Street,
 Toledo, Ohio
 Crim. record - claims none except several arrests for gambling

James Keegan, 2016 Hayden Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio, was requested to appear at the Cleveland Bureau office, which he did and was interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Smith.

Keegan stated he had been employed at the Harvard Club since Thanksgiving of 1935 and prior to that time had worked for a short time for the John O'Brien movers. He further stated that when he first started to work at the club he worked in the parking lot, and after the club was reopened following the raid, he was placed in the coop and has worked there ever since. Keegan further stated that he received \$7 per day for his services and averaged about \$28 per week, as he did not have steady work. He further advised that he did not submit an income tax return for the reason that he did not earn enough money as he had not worked prior to August 13, 1935. Upon questioning Keegan stated that he had secured his job at the club through Tony Amersbach, whom he had known for years. He also stated that he was acquainted with and had served time with Tony's brother, Phillip, who is presently serving a life sentence in the Marquette, Michigan, prison for bank robbery.

Keegan further stated that on April 8, 1922 he and four companions had robbed a wholesale provision company in Detroit, Michigan, and during the course of the robbery Edward H. Fox, Chief of Detectives in Detroit, Michigan, was shot when he attempted to arrest them. Keegan further related he was arrested on May 6, 1922 at Cleveland, Ohio, and returned to Detroit, Michigan, where he was convicted and given a life sentence for robbery-armed.

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The sentence was later reduced to thirty years, and he served thirteen years and four months of that sentence and was then placed on parole for one year to John O'Brien of the O'Brien Mobbers, Cleveland, Ohio. Keegan stated that he was released from Marquette Prison on August 13, 1935.

Keegan was questioned as to the hours he worked, what his duties were and what equipment was kept in the coop, and he stated that he worked from 10 am to 6 pm and operated the buzzer that opened the front door, which permitted patrons to enter. Keegan further stated that a gas gun was kept in the coop in the old club, but nothing was kept in the new place. At this point Keegan advised agent that we knew all of those facts, as well as he did, because we had one of our men right in the club giving us information all the time. He further stated that some of the employees of the club had mentioned the fact that they had been questioned by federal officers, but Keegan absolutely refused to name the individuals.

Photographs of all the members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Keegan; however, he was unable to identify any of them.

The following description of Keegan was obtained by reporting agent from personal observation and questions answered:

Name	- James Keegan
Age	- 38 yrs.
Height	- 6'
Weight	- 177
Hair	- brown, thin on top
Eyes	- blue
Complexion	- fair
Teeth	- 2 gold upper fronts, partial
Build	- medium /upper plate
Date and place of birth	- March 10, 1898, Cleveland, Ohio
Marital status	- single (divorced)
Race	- white
Nativity	- Irish American
Occupation	- coop man

Residence - 2016 Hayden Avenue, Cleveland, O.
 Relatives - brother, Frank Keegan
 West 117th St. & Lorain
 sisters: Edna Kahn, 14115 Mayfair
 Avenue, and
 Mary Weber, 2016 Hayden
 Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

Crim. record: - 1 yr. Lancaster, Ohio, Reform School
 (as obtained from Keegan) charge: truancy; dates not known

as JAMES KEEGAN, 13 yrs. 4 mos.
 Marquette, Michigan, Prison; charge
 armed robbery 5-6-22 to 8-13-35.

Fred Mussel, 3282 West 126th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, was
 requested to appear at the Cleveland Bureau office, which he did,
 and was questioned by Special Agent W. B. Matney and C. E. Smith.

Mussel stated that in about May or June 1934 he was hired
 by Art Hebebrand as yardman and car parker at the Harvard Club,
 and after the club moved to its present location he was made a
 coop man at a salary of \$7 per day, working 7 days per week from
 6 pm to 2 am each day. He further stated that he did not file an
 income tax return, inasmuch as some man at the club (whose name he
 did not know) had asked him how many dependents he had, and after
 being advised informed him that he was exempt from any payment.

Mussel further stated upon questioning that no equipment
 was kept in the coop and practically the only duty of the coop men
 was to operate the buzzer that controlled the front door. In re-
 sponse to questions as to whether any of the dealers or other em-
 ployes had discussed the fact that they might have been questioned,
 Mussel stated that he had heard a rumor that some of the men had been
 talked to, but none of them appeared willing to discuss what took
 place.

Mussel was shown photographs of all the members of the
 Karpis gang; however, he was unable to identify any of them, stating
 that he never had the occasion to go into the club when he worked
 in the yard. Mussel was then questioned as to whether he recalled
 reading about the Karpis gang being in Cleveland in 1934, and he

stated that he did. He was then asked if he had been approached by anyone about that time who requested him to get in touch with anybody from the club, and he stated that just about the time of the publicity in the papers two men whom he did not know stopped him in the yard of the club and asked him to get Shimmy Patton for them, whereupon he told Tony Amersbach, the doorman, who then called Shimmy. Mussel stated he did not know what the men talked about or what their business was with Patton.

He further stated he started to work at 6 pm at that time, and, as he recalls, it was dark and he had been working several hours at the time, although he felt sure the incident occurred before midnight. It will be noted here that this may possibly be the time that Sergeant Hugo relates when he and Detective Joe Jacobs called at the club to try and secure information from Patton.

Prior to the time he was employed at the Harvard Club, Mussel stated that he worked for a time as chairman at the Criminal Courts Building on East 21st Street and prior to that had worked as a laborer with construction companies.

The following description of Mussel was obtained from personal observation and questions answered:

Name	- Fred Mussel with aliases: Butch and Duffy
Age	- 44 years
Height	- 6'
Weight	- 190 lbs.
Hair	- dark chestnut, streaked with grey
Eyes	- blue
Complexion	- dark
Build	- medium
Race	- white
Nativity	- German - American
Occupation	- coop man
Residence	- 3282 West 126th Street
Relatives:	
wife:	- Cecelia Mussel, 3282 West 126th St.
Adopted son	- Pete Loghren, 3282 " 126th St.
" daughter	- Anna " same
" son	- George " same
sister	- Bertha Bentker, 2224 Lincoln Blvd.,
sister	- Mrs. Howard Morteck, 2222 Lincoln Blvd.,
sister	- Mrs. Mary Cole, 2235 Bell Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio

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Military record - Enlisted St. Louis, Missouri, 1911; served 8 mos., discharged for good of service. Drafted April 1918 at Detroit, Mich. Discharged July 17, 1919, 52nd Engineers. Member, Gilbert O'Neil Post #2532, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Crim. record - as obtained from Mussel:
Correction School, Lancaster, O.
charge: petit larceny; served 14 mos., dates not known.
Mansfield, O., Reformatory, 18 mos., charge: box car robbery; date not known
Ohio St. Penitentiary for 27 mos., charge: assault to rob 1913-15
Ohio St. Penitentiary, 8 yrs., 4 mos., charge: robbery 1920-28

Charles Crowl, 9926 Lorain Avenue, was requested to appear at the Cleveland Bureau office by Special Agent S. K. McKee, which he did and was interviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith.

Crowl stated he was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and moved to Toledo, Ohio, about 1921, at which time he secured work at Jimmy Hayes' gambling house, formerly located at Superior and Jackson Avenues, where he remained for approximately two years. He then worked for both Hayes and Tom Worland during the time they operated the old Casino Club at Point Place, Ohio. Crowl further stated that when times got slow in Toledo, Ohio, he opened a smoke shop and horse book of his own in Toledo, but due to the fact that he was arrested about ten or eleven times for operating the horse book, the venture did not prove profitable, and he gave the place up. He then went to work for Chester Marks at the Chateau La France and remained there until it was destroyed by fire in 1934. Continuing, Crowl stated he had very little work until he came to Cleveland in March 1935, at which time he worked at the Harvard Club as a ladderman for about 1½ months, after which time he returned to Toledo, Ohio.

Crowl stated that after his return to Toledo, Ohio, he went to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and went to work for RAY PARKS, who had opened the Willow Club, located between Tulsa and Claremont, Oklahoma. Crowl stated that the club was too elaborate and operated only for a period of two or three weeks. Crowl was questioned as to who he knew in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and he stated that he did not know anyone, advising, however, that his wife, whose maiden name was Lanier, originally came from Tulsa and her folks presently resided at 207 S. Norfolk Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Crowl further advised that he returned to Cleveland, Ohio, about May 18, 1936, at which time he secured a job at the Harvard Club as ladderman and has worked there ever since. Crowl was questioned as to who hired him, and he stated that he had known Toots Talbot, when he (Toots) used to work in Toledo, Ohio, and Toots put him to work. Crowl further advised that he received a salary of \$15 per day, working from 12 noon until 9 pm, each day. Agents questioned Crowl relative to his income tax return, and he stated he had not made any out inasmuch as he had not worked during a greater part of 1935 and did not earn enough.

Photographs of the various members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Crowl. However, he identified only that of Milton Lett. He was questioned relative to what he knew about Lett, and he stated that he noticed Lett, whose name he did not know, during May of 1935 at the Harvard Club, where he apparently was employed as a Schiller. Crowl further stated that he did not know who Lett associated with, where he lived, or where he was from, stating that he had never had any conversations with him.

Agents questioned Crowl relative to his knowledge of Toledo and various individuals there, and he advised that he knew Tom Worland, Ed McGraw, Bert and Ted Angus, Edith Barry, Johnny Thomas and Captain George Timiney, as well as Joe Roscoe. Crowl was questioned closely relative to any information he might possess about any of the above-named individuals' business, associates or connections, and he stated he did not know anything about their personal affairs, as he had met them during the course of his business and did not make a practice of inquiring into other people's business. Crowl was questioned as to his knowledge of a "payoff"

existing either in Cleveland, Ohio, or at Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that if he had possessed that knowledge, he would not have been arrested about ten times by the Toledo, Ohio, police for operating a booking joint.

The following description of Crowl was obtained by agents through personal observation and questions answered:

Name	- Charles Crowl alias <u>Pretty Charlie</u>
Age	- 44 yrs.
Height	- 5' 6"
Weight	- 167 lbs.
Hair	- grey
Eyes	- blue
Complexion	- fair
Build	- medium stout
Scars	- $\frac{1}{4}$ " cut sc. left upper lip
Beard	- clean shaven
Race	- white
Nativity	- American
Date and place of birth	- St. Louis, Missouri, August 1st, 1892
Relatives:	-
wife	- Evelyn Crowl, 9926 Lorain Avenue
daughter	- Rose Marie, age 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ student at St. Ignatius School, Cleveland, Ohio
father	- George Crowl, 6325 Laura Ave., St. Louis Missouri
mother	- Louttie " same address
sister	- Mildred " " "
	- Alverna " 6323 Laura Ave., St. Louis, Missouri
	- Wyota Priutt, 6329 Laura Ave., St. Louis, Missouri
Crim. record	- states arrested at Toledo, Ohio, for gambling

Anthony J. Amersbach, previously referred to as Tony Amersbach, was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. Amersbach advised that he was born at Cleveland, Ohio and attended parochial schools in the same city through high school; that he later completed three years at St. Ignatius College, which is presently known as John Carroll University. He stated that he enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1917 and was stationed with the 342nd Motor Transport Corps at Camp Sherman, Ohio, until 1919. He advised that in 1919 while stationed at Camp Sherman, Ohio, he went to Columbus, Ohio, with several friends on furlough and that while there he stole an automobile, being subsequently sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary for this offense. He said that shortly after his release from the penitentiary he was again arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1921 on a burglary charge, in which connection a police officer was shot, and he was re-sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary for this offense, remaining in prison until 1932.

Amersbach denied that he was the individual who shot the police officer at the time the burglary was committed, stating that he did not even have a gun with him and that he has always believed that another police officer did the shooting. He stated that after his release from the penitentiary in 1932 he secured a job through Arthur Hebebrand as doorman at the Harvard Club and that he is still engaged in this work. He advised that he has known Art Hebebrand all of his life, stating in this connection that his father was formerly an excavating contractor for Hebebrand.

Freddie Hunter

Amersbach was shown photographs of Karpis and all other persons concerned in this investigation, and he, of course, identified the pictures of Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton as the operators of the old Harvard Club and as the owners of the place which is still being run under the same name. He identified the photograph of Milton Lett as "The Kid", known to him under the name "Willie" and who worked at the blackjack tables in the club as a shiller a year or more ago. He identified the photograph of Tip O'Neil, stating that this man is connected with the club in some capacity; is an ex-convict and is a close friend of Shimmy Patton. He identified the picture of Fred Hunter as the man known to him as "Freddie", who worked at the club as a blackjack dealer about a year ago. He identified the photograph of Cash McDonald, stating he met this individual twice at the Mayfair Casino a couple of years ago in company with Art Hebebrand.

Amersbach was questioned in detail and at length in connection with the photographs of Karpis, Campbell, Hunter, Willie Harrison and the Barker brothers, but he absolutely denied ever having seen any of these individuals. He admitted that he had read the Cleveland newspaper items concerning the arrests of the three women at the Hotel Cleveland a couple of years ago and remarked that these news articles referred to the gang as having frequented the Harvard Club and also mentioned the fact that various members of the gang had rented houses from Art Hebebrand and Bill Mitchell. He would not admit, however, that he had ever seen any of these individuals either at the Harvard Club or elsewhere.

Amersbach was very frank to state that he had never turned down an ex-convict when he needed help, saying in this connection that he had given many a man a suit of clothes and railroad fare to get to his home or elsewhere when he came to him for help and was still wearing a prison suit. In this connection he stated that there are several ex-convicts employed at the club at the present time in the coop, on the door and elsewhere and that he is the individual who is responsible for these men coming to work at the club.

Amersbach stated that his personal duties at the club do not involve remaining at the door but that the only thing he does is take money to the bank; that he drives from the club to a bank at 100th and Lorain every afternoon, the purpose of this being to receive new bills for old ones, as the club owners prefer to conduct their business with new bills. In this connection he stated that he used to carry a gun in the car when he made this run but that since this office has been conducting the present investigation he has discontinued carrying the gun, as he has felt there was too much of a chance of being picked up, and he did not want to be in possession of a gun, as he knew it was against the law.

In response to questions Amersbach stated that the only person with whom he is identified in Toledo, Ohio, is Joe Roscoe. He said he has known Roscoe for years, as he was originally a Cleveland man. He was questioned concerning trips made to Toledo by him, and he said the only trip he can remember is one made some time during the summer of 1935; that the purpose of this trip was to get some dealers, as they were needed at the club; that he made this trip in a Graham-Paige sedan, being accompanied by Sharkey Gorman and that he brought back a dealer named "Pretty Charlie" with him. He said that Pretty Charlie was working at the Jovial Club at the time and that it is his understanding that Roscoe owns

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a piece of the Jovial Club. He described the above trip as the only trip he has made to Toledo, Ohio, in the last two years and remarked that the date of this trip could be fixed from the records of the police departments at Avon Lake and Sheffield, Ohio, stating that he was arrested in one of these places on a speeding charge and that he used his correct name on this occasion.

Amersbach denied that he was acquainted with either of the Angus brothers in Toledo and was positive in his contention that Roscoe is the only person in Toledo who is known to him.

Amersbach was questioned for information concerning the identity of "Pug" Smith, a bank robber, said to be frequenting the Harvard Club at the present time and who, according to Police Lieutenant Barney Wolfe would be one of the most likely persons in Cleveland to have knowledge concerning the Karpis mob or any other big-time criminals being in or about the city. Amersbach stated that he is acquainted with this individual; that he often came to the club and shot crap; that he formerly ran a saloon in the vicinity of 117th and Detroit Avenue and that he did time at the Ohio State Penitentiary under the name Joe Burke.

Amersbach was questioned concerning his knowledge of the Silver Grill at 25th and Detroit Avenue, inasmuch as our information has been that members of the Karpis mob frequented this place during the time they were at large. Amersbach stated that he had only been in this place on one or two occasions and the only thing he knew about it was that Shimmy Patton is supposed to have had an interest in the place at one time. At the time of this questioning Amersbach informed that he is part owner of a saloon known as Otto's Cafe, which is located next door to the present Harvard Club at 42nd and Harvard Avenue.

During the course of this interview Amersbach frankly stated that he would not do anything to get anybody else in trouble for the reason that he knew what it was to do time. He said that if he had done anything wrong or if he ever violated the law that he would do his time but that he would not tell on anyone else. This individual is very outspoken, altho it is not believed that he is telling the truth in this matter. It is believed useless to question him further for the reason that he frankly states he will not say anything which will cause trouble for anybody.

The following descriptive data concerning this individual was furnished by him and secured through personal observation:

Name - Anthony J. Amersbach
 Age - 40 (born 3-6-96)
 Height - 5' 8"
 Weight - 190 lbs.
 Hair - white except for dark streak down center
 Eyes - brown, piercing
 Build - heavy
 Residence - 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
 Occupation - gambling house
 Criminal record - OSP Columbus, Ohio; 1919 Auto Theft
 OSP Columbus, Ohio; 1921 Burglary 1-15 yrs;
 did 10 yrs.
 Marital status - single

Relatives: - Andrew Amersbach, father, 7124 Clark
 Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio;
 Harry Amersbach, brother, 7124 Clark
 Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
 Phillip Amersbach, brother, inmate,
 Marquette Prison, Marquette, Mich.
 Joseph Amersbach, brother, practising
 physician, Park Avenue, New York City
 Anna Wagner, sister, E. 94th Street,
 Cleveland, Ohio
 Bertha Morgan, sister,
 Lakewood, Ohio
 Beatrice Amersbach, sister, 7124 Clark
 Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

John James McNulty, commonly known as "Rube" McNulty was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. He advised that he was born at Cleveland, Ohio and attended parochial schools through the fifth grade. During his life-time he has worked as a truck driver, as a garageman, has been engaged in bootlegging and is presently employed as doorman at the Harvard Club. He stated he has worked at the Harvard Club since a short time before Christmas of 1933; that he secured his job

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through Tony Amersbach and first worked as a watchman in the rear of the old Club but that he is presently employed as doorman. He said that during the year 1934 he was working as a watchman from 7 in the morning until 7 in the evening and that his duties kept him in the rear of the club and that he never saw people who came to the place unless they became "hozy" and tried to observe things where they were not supposed to be. He was shown the photographs of all persons concerned in this investigation, but he claimed not to be able to make any identifications other than the pictures of the club operators.

In response to questions he said that he had never heard any employes of the club talk about members of the Karpis mob having frequented the place, and he also advised that he had never read any newspaper stories about this mob having frequented the club.

McNulty advised that he is paid ten dollars per day by the club for his services, and in this connection he said that he filed an income tax return for the year 1935 in the club office, being told to do so by Toots Talbot. In this connection, however, he said that he did not swear to the return.

Description of this individual as obtained from him is as follows:

Name	- JOHN JAMES McNULTY
Age	- 38 born 12-7-97
Height	- 5' 8½"
Weight	- 220
Hair	- dark
Eyes	- blue, wears octagon-shaped glasses
Occupation	- truck driver, gambling house employee
Crim. record	- Cleveland, Ohio, (US) 1931 - MPA fined \$350
Residence	- 1344 Edanola Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio
Relatives:	- Ernest McNulty, brother, E. 127th St. off St. Clair, Cleveland, Ohio Michael McNulty, brother, W. 122nd off Lorain, Cleveland, Ohio James Broderick, half-brother, W. 118th off Lorain, Cleveland, Ohio. William Broderick, half-brother, W. 67th Cleveland, Ohio. Clara McNulty, wife 1344 Edanola Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

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Rodger L. Knowles, commonly known as Ralph Knowles, a colored porter at the Harvard Club, was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. He advised that he was born at Rock Sound, Eleuthera, British West Indies, and that he came to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1917. He advised that the only work he has ever done has been that of a porter and that he has been engaged in this capacity at the Harvard Club for the past six years, for which he receives wages of \$25 per week. He said that his duties in the club consist of cleaning and sweeping around the place and that as he is always busy he never has an opportunity to observe people who come to the place and that he does not know anyone at the place except people who have been employed there for a considerable length of time.

Knowles was asked if he had been told not to say anything when he came to this office, but he denied that this was the case. He was shown photographs of the various persons connected with this investigation, and the only ones he could identify were those of Shimmy Patton, Art Hebebrand, Neil Mitchell, Dan Gallagher and Tip O'Neil. In the cases of all of these individuals he advised that he simply knew them from having seen them around the Harvard Club.

Description of Rodger L. Knowles is as follows:

Age	- 44 (born 2-23-92)
Height	- 5' 7"
Weight	- 150 lbs.
Race	- black
Hair	- black
Eyes	- maroon
Marital status	- married
Crim. record	- claims none
Relatives:	- brothers: Hugh Knowles, Miami, Florida / Thomas Knowles, New York City
Residence	- 2285 East 70th Street, Cleveland, Ohio

Toots Talbot was requested by Special Agent S. K. McKee to appear at the Cleveland office for questioning with reference to the fight supposed to have been had by him with one Mickey McGee at the Silver Grill about a year ago, in which connection Milton Lett is reported to have separated the two. When questioned concerning this incident, Talbot stated that approximately a year ago Pady Kilbane,

who operates the Silver Grill, invited a group of men from the Harvard Club to his place for a "shin-dig" and a corned beef and cabbage dinner. Talbot stated that he and others from the club went to the Silver Grill about 10:30 or 11 o'clock at night; that considerable drinking occurred; that he got into an argument with Mickey McGee; that they came to blows and that they were pulled apart by a shill at the club named "Willie", whom he identified from a photograph as Milton Lett. Talbot stated that he had had several altercations with McGee; that he was always receiving a lot of lip from him and that this fight was nothing but a result of the bad blood which existed between them.

In response to questions Talbot stated that in addition to himself and McGee and Lett that he recalled that Pat Lynch, Whitey Mattson and Sharkey Gorman were also present when the fight occurred. With respect to Pat Lynch, he stated this individual is a dealer and is believed to be located in Detroit, Michigan, at the present time.

On the occasion of this interview Toots Talbot was also interrogated with respect to payment of income taxes by various employees at the club, and he stated that returns for the various men were taken care of by an accountant named Geisey, who handles the books for the club and who also prepared income tax returns for the various employees on the basis of the club's records. He stated that he paid an income tax for the year of 1935 on the basis of a \$3600 salary. He said that he would mail his tax returns for the years 1934 and 1935 to this office and he later did so. These returns are not being mentioned further in this report for the reason that it is anticipated an additional file will be opened concerning a possible impersonation violation on the part of the accountant named Geisey as soon as certain information is received by this office from Washington, D. C.

In connection with income tax matters, Talbot advised that Max Gladstone, who is employed at the club and who keeps books for the organization, will know full details concerning the preparation of income tax returns for the various club employees. This individual has not been interviewed yet, but it has been learned that he is presently confined in the hospital and will not be available for interview for several weeks.

Peter Mele, blackjack dealer at the Harvard Club, was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. He advised that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended public schools of the city through the eighth grade. He has worked as a cab driver,

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chauffeur, was an enlisted man in the US Navy from 1916 to 1918; was an enlisted man in the US Army from 1918 to 1919 and has worked in mutuel offices at racetracks. He stated he has been employed at the Harvard Club for the past 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ months as a blackjack dealer; also that he worked as a blackjack dealer during May and June 1934 when the club was being operated in the big place. He advised that he was given his job in 1934 by Dan Gallagher.

Photographs of the various persons concerned in this investigation were displayed to him, but he could make no identifications other than with respect to the pictures of Shimmy Patton, Art Hebebrand, Tip O'Neil and Dan Gallagher. When questioned further concerning members of the Karpis mob having frequented the Harvard Club he advised that he saw newspaper stories concerning the arrests of the three women a couple of years ago, but he does not recall having ever heard anything about any men connected with these women having been at the club. He was asked if he had ever heard any conversation between the various employees at the club, particularly dealers, concerning Karpis or other associates of his, having gambled at the place or having been friendly with any of the employees or operators, but he denied any knowledge in this respect.

Mele stated that when he worked for the club in 1934 Patton and Hebebrand were the apparent owners; that at the present time Toots Talbot and Shorty Conway are running the place, but it is common talk among the various dealers that they are merely fronting for Hebebrand and Patton on account of the recent difficulties these men have had with the law. He was asked how it happened that the Harvard Club could run without interference from the county or village authorities, and he advised that it was his understanding that Sheriff Sulzmann runs his office under a "home rule policy", which meant, according to his understanding, that if the local authorities in a particular village or town did not see fit to take legal action against such places as the Harvard Club that the Sheriff's Office would not interfere, meaning, he advised further, that his understanding is that the present club is run on a "fix" with the local authorities in Newburgh Heights.

Description of this individual is as follows:

Name	- PETER MELE
Age	42 born 2-26-93
Height	5' 5"
Weight	185
Eyes	brown
Hair	black; thin on top
Build	heavy

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Marital status	- married (1 daughter)
Residence	12415 Auburndale Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
Telephone	Garfield 0309-J
Crim. record	claims none
Relatives	Lena, mother, 1918 E. 121st Street, Cleveland, Ohio
	Anna Lagrasso, sister, same
	Ruth Mele, wife, 12415 Auburndale Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
	Jean, daughter, same address

Charles C. Storms alias Sam Briggs was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. This individual advised that he was born at Buffalo, New York, and that his education consists of having completed the seventh grade in public schools. His trade is factory work. He advised that from 1905 to 1932 he was almost continuously in prison, having been released the last time from the OSP in 1932. He said that following his release from prison he worked at Kling's Furniture Factory, Brockton, New York, until his parole period had expired, and that subsequent to this employment he came to Cleveland and thru Tony Amersbach secured a job as car parker and watchman at the old Harvard Club, being employed in this capacity from November 1934 until the place was closed in January 1936, receiving a wage of \$7 per day. He stated that he is employed at the present Harvard Club in the coop and says that his only duty is to operate the buzzer which controls the front door to the club. He advised that there are no guns located in the coop.

With respect to Tony Amersbach, he stated that he met this man while both of them were confined in the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio.

Photographs of the various persons concerned in this investigation were displayed to Storms and he identified the following:

SHIMMY PATTON	ART HEBERBRAND
TIP O'NEIL	NEIL MITCHELL
DAN GALLAGHER	FRED HUNTER
CASH MC DONALD	

He said that he knew all of these men except McDonald from having seen them around the Harvard Club but that he knew McDonald as a gambler from Detroit, Michigan, having met him in that city. He said he only knew Tip O'Neil to talk to.

With respect to Fred Hunter, he advised this man had worked as a blackjack dealer in the club for a short time in 1935 and that he knew nothing further concerning him.

Storms claimed that he never saw any of the Karpis mob at the club and never heard about them frequenting the place, and in this connection he stated that he is very glad he had no knowledge concerning the mob having been connected with the Harvard Club, as he said he would rather do more time than squawk on anybody.

The following description of Charles C. Storms was furnished by him:

Name	- CHARLES C. STORMS alias Sam Briggs
Age	- 51 alias Frank Briggs born
Height	- 5' 7" / Buffalo, NY
Weight	- 165 lbs.
Hair	- grey
Eyes	- blue; wears octagon shaped glasses
Teeth	- false
Marital status	- single
Residence	- 3999 E. 26th St., Cleveland, Ohio
Criminal record:	- Elmira Reformatory, NY 05-06 Grand Larceny; Auburn Prison 1907-12, Grand Larceny. Western Pen., Pittsburgh, Pa., 1915-18, grand larceny. OSP Columbus, Ohio 1919-32, armed robbery
Relatives:	Mrs. Parker Tubbs, sister, Portland, NY; Mrs. Fred W. Freyer, sister, Portland, NY and Mrs. Seymour Coleman, sister, same city.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S.K. McKee, September 22, 1936, Cleveland, Ohio, wherein it is indicated that information was received from Lt. Barney Wolf of the Cleveland Police Department to the effect that One "Pug" Smith, who usually hangs around 117th and Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, was a close friend of "Tip" O'Neill and would be a good person to interview to determine if any well-known gangsters were in Cleveland on any occasion.

By letter dated September 26, 1936, from Mr. D.J. Bonzo, Parole and Record Clerk of the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, this office was advised that one Joe Burke, #48957, was identified as the person concerning whom this office had written him a letter dated September 25, 1936. The letter from Mr. Bonzo indicates that Burke was received at the Penitentiary November 19, 1920, from Lucas County, to serve a sentence of one to fifteen years for the crime of robbery; that he was paroled August 15, 1930 and was granted a final release on September 30, 1931; that the last address of record, as of August 1, 1931, was 12002 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. The letter transmitted a photograph of this individual, which is being retained in the file of this case.

Special Agent L. Levin conducted investigation at the address 12002 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, and ascertained that Leo Smith had resided in Apartment 20 at that address with his sister, Mrs. Albert A. Schatzinger, who has resided there for the last eight years; that the present caretaker has been at the apartment for only the last three years and that Smith has resided in the apartment during that time, with the exception of about two months during the winter of 1936, when he was in Florida; that he is considered a bootlegger by the caretaker, and that quite usually he comes home drunk; that there have been several visitors to the apartment, but the caretaker was unable to identify any photographs of the Karpis outfit as having visited Smith; that these persons moved on September 30, 1936, without giving any notice at all, and the caretaker had no idea where they might have moved. She did state, however, that the telephone was listed in Mrs. Schatzinger's name, and that the gas and electricity was also taken care of by the individual tenants. With respect to the rental for the apartment, the caretaker stated that Mrs. Schatzinger paid it directly to Dr. N.M. West, owner, who was located in the Medical Arts Building, Lakewood, Ohio.

At the Lakewood station of the United States Post Office, it was learned that there is of record a removal dated September 30, 1936, for Mrs. A. Schatzinger and J.L. Smith from 12002 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, to 1038 Homewood Drive, Lakewood, Ohio. The current

city directory lists Mrs. Bridget Smith as being the occupant of these premises, and from information furnished by the caretaker at 12002 Lake Avenue, it was believed that this person was "Fug" Smith's mother. The caretaker had previously identified the photo of Joe Burke as being identical with the person known to her as Leo Smith.

At 1038 Homewood Drive, the writer ascertained that Leo was not at home and that he might be reached through his office address, the K.L. Smith Advertising Company, Rockefeller Building, phone MAin 3048. At this place it was learned that Leo Smith was not available for interview. Subsequently he was telephonically contacted at his home and an appointment was made to meet him in front of City Hall, Cleveland, on the morning of October 3, 1936. The appointment was kept and Smith was requested to accompany the agent to the Cleveland Bureau Office, where he was interviewed. He furnished the following information about himself:

He was born March 11, 1895 at Cleveland, Ohio, and was educated in the city schools; after leaving the school, he started driving a truck and at the time he was 21 years of age, he was arrested and charged with armed robbery by the Cleveland police. He was convicted of the charge and was sentenced to an indefinite period at the Ohio State Reformatory at Mansfield, Ohio, and in fact, served about fourteen months, at which time he was released. That he returned to Cleveland and in 1920, he went to Toledo, Ohio, where he engaged in the robbery of a bank with another individual; that they were apprehended the same night and later were convicted of bank robbery; that he was sentenced to the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus to a term of from one to fifteen years, and that he entered the institution in November of 1920 and served ten years, being released September 1930; that upon his release, he came to Cleveland and took up his residence with his sister, Mrs. Schatzinger, at 12002 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. About March or April 1931, while Smith was still on parole from the Ohio State Penitentiary, he started working for one Paul Hackett, who operated the Boulevard Cafe or Club at 116th and Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, as a bartender and delivery man of bootleg liquor; that he made about \$30.00 to \$40.00 weekly at this job, and worked there almost continuously for about two years; that as far as he knew, Hackett did not "pay-off" to anybody in the operation of this place; that he loafed for about two years and then sometime during the Spring of 1935 he secured employment with one Joseph Fransek, who operates a "bookie joint" on Grantwood Drive, Parma, Ohio, where he has been working for about the last nineteen months as a service man, answering the phones and taking the bets; the phone number there is SHadyside 5733, and there are about six other phones, the numbers running in order, so that if one line is busy, the call is received on another line; that Fransek's wife and

four months' old baby reside in the private home, which is owned by Fransek and where the "book" is operated. He named the other employees as being: Ronald Kean, residence 32nd Street, between Clark and Sackett; Ray Visk (phonetic) residence 52d and Store Streets; one "Gibby", who has worked there only about six weeks; one "Socks" who has worked there about four months; one Frikar (phonetic) who has worked there about one year.

Smith was questioned about Fransek "paying off" to anybody for the purpose of operating the "book" and he stated that if such were the case, he did not know to whom the "pay off" was being made nor if, in fact, such were being done.

Smith states that he took a trip to Miami, Florida, leaving Cleveland, Ohio, on January 1, 1936, in his coupe, which bears Ohio license AP 189, and that he was accompanied by one Fay Taylor, his girl, who is employed at the East Ohio Gas Company, and who resides at 1881 West 48th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, with whom he states he has been "going" for about four years; that Joseph Fransek and his wife accompanied them, they riding in their own car, and that they first went to Miami, Florida, where they stayed overnight in a tourist camp; that he did not sleep with Fay Taylor and that the next day, they went to Indian River, just outside of Miami, where they rented a house, in which they remained for about five weeks and then returned to Cleveland; that during all the time they were in Florida, he never slept with Fay and that he occupied the studio couch in the living room; further that he intends marrying this girl in the near future. He states also that she is fully aware of his previous record.

Smith was questioned about the Twilight Tavern, operated by the Jackson sisters on Pearl Road, and he stated that he is not familiar either with the place or with the sisters; that he has been going "straight" ever since his release from the Penitentiary, and that he does not "hang" around street corners with any persons; that he sees Fay almost every night in the week and that he then takes a trolley home, which was near 117th and Detroit; that almost every night, after his arrival at the corner, he would wait for the morning papers, and that it is very possible that he has been seen around that place; further that he has very little to do with any persons outside of his work and his girl and that he very rarely sees anyone else.

Smith was shown numerous photographs of Karpis, et al, and he stated that the only persons whom he knew were, "Tip" O'Neill, Art Hebebrand, "Shimmy" Patton, Sharkey Gorman and Tony Amersbach. He stated that he knows Tony from the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, where Tony was serving time at the time that he was; that

he knows "Sharkey" Gorman as a result of having seen him at the Harvard Club; that formerly "Sharkey" used to own a "joint" or tend bar in a place on West 25th Street; that he first met him there; that he knows "Tip" O'Neill and has known him for about four years, having first met him in the neighborhood of 117th and Detroit, while Smith was delivering liquor; that he does not know what O'Neill did then for a living and that he does not know what he is doing now; that he knows "Shimmy" Patton and Art Hebebrand from childhood, since they were all brought up in the same neighborhood.

Smith also stated that the photo of Fred Hunter looked familiar to him, but he was unable definitely to state where he had seen this individual or under what circumstances. It was suggested to him that he had seen this person at the Harvard Club, and he stated that it was possible, but that he could not state definitely if that were the case.

He also informed that he has been going to the Harvard Club occasionally during the past six years, and that he has most always seen Art Hebebrand there, as well as "Shimmy" Patton, and that he understood that these two individuals owned the place; that he was out there a little over a month ago for the last time, but that he did not see Hebebrand nor Patton there on that occasion; that he has not seen "Tip" O'Neill for a longer time than that and would not know where to get in touch with him, although O'Neill formerly lived on Lake Avenue near him. Further that he has almost nothing to do now with his former friends; that he has reformed and is going straight with the hope of getting married soon.

He was asked about anyone at the Harvard Club "paying off" to somebody so that they could operate a gambling club over so long a period of time, and he stated that everybody knows there must be a pay off, but he claimed ignorance as to the persons making or receiving any money, and was unable to state who had jurisdiction over that locality.

Smith was questioned as to whether he had filed an income tax return for last year or the preceding years and advised that he had not, inasmuch as his earnings had never exceeded \$1,000.00 per year. He was also questioned as to the newspaper publicity attendant on the arrest of the Karpis women by the Cleveland police during September 1934. He stated that he just barely recalled this and claimed to have heard no rumors of any kind from any persons, particularly from Hebebrand, Patton or O'Neill concerning these gangsters, explaining that although he had been brought up with them, he has had very little contact with them since his release from the Penitentiary and that he does not discuss any matters with them, except to casually pass the time of day when they meet.

Smith furnished the following descriptive data concerning himself:

Name	JOSEPH LEO SMITH, alias Joe Burke, alias "Pug"
Residence	1038 Homewood Drive, Lakewood, Ohio
Age	41 (born 3-11-95, Cleveland, Ohio)
Height	5' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	144 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Light blue
Complexion	Medium
Build	Small
Teeth	Uppers false, 2 lowers, one right and one left, gold capped.
Scars and marks	Back of neck appears pock marked
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Painter and bookie
Photograph	Retained in file
Relatives	Mother-Bridget Smith, 1038 Homewood Drive, Lakewood, Ohio Sister-Katherine Smith, same address " Veronica Schatzinger, same address " Leonida Mackay, same address
Criminal record	Admits Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio, #8443-Robbery-served 14 months of indeterminate sentence. Admits Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, #48957-bank robbery, served 10 years of 1 to 15 years sentence. Admits arrest, Cleveland, Ohio, 1930, police-investigation, released.

Raymond Mulcahy, a crap dealer employed at the Harvard Club, was interviewed by Special Agent J. E. Brennan and Special Agent C. E. Smith and the following information was obtained:

That he is 39 years of age, was born August 21, 1897 at Oak Harbor, Ohio, and he resides at 2229 Scranton Avenue; that he is single; that he has worked at the Harvard Club for the past two years, previously having been employed at Toledo, Ohio, for ten years, working for Jimmy Hayes, Tom Worland, and Ralph Dugan; that he has had no military service and has never been arrested except for traffic violations, and his fingerprints and photograph have never been taken; that on August 6, 1934 he was hired by Dan Gallagher, floor man for Art Hebebrand and James Patton of the Harvard Club, and is now paid \$12.00 a day, and \$2.00 an hour overtime; that the club made his income tax returns for him and that his mother and brother are dependent upon him for support, therefore, he does not pay any income tax; that he signed a piece of paper so that they would get his name right, but did not pay anything.

Photographs of persons connected with this investigation were exhibited to Mulcahy, and he identified that of Milton Lett as a shiller at the club, and he stated that he did not know his name; that this person was employed at the club from the summer to the fall of 1935, and was known as "Willie from St. Louis". He stated that he has heard of Edward McGraw at Toledo, knows Bert and Ted Angus casually; that he knows Joe Roscoe and saw him six or seven times at the old Harvard Club in 1934 in the company of Shimmy Patton and Art Hebebrand, and that he is acquainted with Sam Hessler, but does not know Rene Holst, Lu Poole, Edith Barry, or Jean Ford; that he does not know George Timiney, except to know that he is a policeman.

Mulcahy stated that he does not associate with any of the employees of the Harvard Club, except that he goes out with Red McCool occasionally; that he has never heard any conversation among any of the employees or members of the club concerning the Barker-Karpis mob. He stated that he knows Mickey McGee, who is now at the Chalet Club, a mile from Gratiot, near Detroit, Michigan; that McGee was employed at the Harvard Club late in 1934.

He stated that he has never heard any rumor to the effect that Karpis was at the Harvard Club on January 10, 1936; that he was there at that time; that he left for Detroit on this same day and came back two months ago.

The following is a description of Raymond Mulcahy,
which was obtained by Agent from observation and interrogation:

Age	-	39 years
Height	-	5'10"
Weight	-	154 pounds
Hair	-	Dark chestnut
Eyes	-	Brown
Relatives	-	Brother - Dan Mulcahy, residing 8 miles from Ashtabula, Ohio; Brother - Harry Mulcahy, 293 Jackson Street, Conneaut, Ohio; and a brother who resides at 2102 North 14th Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Bert Trattner, who is employed in the horse room at the Harvard Club, was interviewed by Special Agents U. K. Smith and J. K. Brennan, and he stated that he resides at 13450 Cedar Road, Cleveland, Ohio, telephone YKllowstone 9212, with his wife, Helen; that he has no children, and that his parents are deceased; that he was drafted in the United States Army from Cleveland, Ohio, on October 3, 1917, served in the 125th Infantry, 32nd Division and was honorably discharged on May 14, 1919; that when he was drafted he and his two brothers operated three cigar stores in Cleveland, and on returning from the Army he and his brothers opened a store in West Virginia, where he ran a hand book and has been connected with gambling ever since; that he obtained employment at the Harvard Club in 1935, although he did not work steadily, and during 1935 and at the present time is a price maker, and accordingly does not come in contact with any of the customers of the club. He stated he did not submit an income tax return in 1934, as he did not make \$2,500; that he was paid \$8.00 per day until three months ago when his salary was raised to \$12.00 per day; that he does not know anyone from Toledo.

Photographs of persons connected with this investigation were shown to Trattner and he identified that of Milton Lett, whom he states he believes was employed as a shiller at the dice tables during the winter of 1935.

He stated he was not in the club when it was raided in January, 1936, and was told that the club was closed, and that he would be notified should his services be required in the future. The only thing he knows about Alvin Karpis is what he read in the newspapers and he stated that he had never heard anything about this investigation until told by one of the employees that he was wanted at the Federal Bureau of Investigation for interview.

He stated that the club obtains their wire service from "Mushie" Wexler, to whom they pay \$200.00 per week for such service, leaving this amount in an envelope in the David L. Cohen Haberdashery in the Hollenden Hotel, where "Mushie" picks it up.

The following is a description of Bert Trattner, which was obtained by Agent from personal observation and questioning:

Age	-	44 years
Height	-	5'4½"
Weight	-	154 pounds
Hair	-	Black
Eyes	-	Black
Teeth	-	Has five lower teeth; the others are false.
Scars	-	3/4" cut scar right leg

Relatives

Sister - Jean Galland, employed by WPA, Columbus, Ohio. She is a widow and has child Jack, age 14 years.

Brother - Harry Trattner, residing on Hough Avenue (address unknown), single, and not working.

Brother - Joe Black, manager of Black's Inn, 241 Capitol St., Charleston, W. Va.

Brother - Sam Trattner, who has a concession at the Texas Centennial.

The following investigation was made by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan on September 21, 1936:

Earl R. Brazzil, alias "Stubbie", was located at the Gordon Square Hotel and brought to the Cleveland office where he was interviewed. He stated that his correct name is Earl R. Brazzil, that he is 37 years of age and resides and has resided for the past two years at the Gordon Square Hotel, Cleveland. He stated that he has been employed at the Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, for the past two years as a crap game dealer and is so employed at the present time. He recalled the arrest of the three women, Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette and Mrs. Harry Sawyer about two years ago and at that time was employed at the Harvard Club. He read of the arrest of these women in the papers and sometime later, he thinks, at least, a year, read a story in the newspapers wherein it was stated that Karpis and others were supposed to have been at the Harvard Club during the time they were in Cleveland with these women. After this appeared in the local papers it was the subject of much discussion by the various dealers, each trying to determine whether or not Karpis and any of his gang had been at their respective tables, and he also heard some discussion at Sellers' beer parlor to the effect that Karpis had been in there.

Brazzil was shown various photographs which he identified as set out herein. From looking at the photographs of Karpis he advised that he could almost positively state that he drank beer at Sellers' place at the same time that Karpis did, that is, that he saw him there drinking beer. He could not state how often. He was also of the opinion that he had dealt to Karpis at the crap table in the Harvard Club about two years ago. He was unable to state the time other than to say it was while the club was operating in the big place that he saw Karpis in Sellers' place.

When shown the photograph of Willie Harrison he immediately stated that he had seen Harrison often. At one time when he, Brazzil, was working in the Dutch Royal Nite Club in Toledo, where he was employed for about one year before coming to Cleveland in 1934, Harrison and 3 or 4 others, all of whom were

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drunk and rather tough looking, began throwing ash trays around this nite club and he had to ask them to stop. In addition, he has also seen Harrison, whom he knew only as Willie, in Sellers' place on the grounds of the old Harvard Club drinking beer and has also seen him in the club a few times. Generally, Harrison would be accompanied by three or four other parties, none of whom Brazzil was able to describe or identify at this time, and he could not place Karpis with Harrison, although it is possible that they were together.

Brazzil immediately identified Milton Lett as a "shill" employed at the club under the name of Willie when the club was operating in the large building. He was unable to state just when Lett was there, but it was before the club was closed and was in the large building. He has not seen Lett since the club opened in the new place. He was unable to place Karpis with Lett at any time but knows that he saw Lett and Sharkey Gorman together. He further recalled that Lett spoke with a southern accent and that he had peculiarly colored teeth and that he never had much to say. He also recalled that he saw Lett and Patton and Hebebrand talking together at times.

Brazzil readily identified photographs of Hebebrand, Patton and Tip O'Neill, stating that he did not know what the latter did but thought he was possibly one of the floor men as he was always around on the floor.

After considerable reflection he was able to identify the photograph of Fred Hunter as one who was a black-jack dealer at the club when it was in the large building. He stated that his recollection of this man was only faint and that he could remember little about him and could not state definitely when he worked there, except that it was in the large building and was subsequent to the time he, Brazzil, began his employment at the Harvard Club.

He could not recall ever having seen John Brock at the club and did not identify his photograph as anyone known to him nor did he see Brock when Brock was supposed to be staying at the Gordon Square Hotel under the name of Evans.

Brazzil was unable to identify photographs of either of the Barkers, Harry Campbell, Sawyer or Volney Davis as anyone he had ever seen.

With reference to the manner in which the income tax is reported by employees of the Harvard Club, Brazzil stated that a man whom some have said is a representative of the income tax office, comes to the club and makes out the reports which are signed by the individual employees. Due to the fact that he was sick in 1935 much of the time no return was made out for him as he knew, and was also told that he did not make enough money so that he would have to make a return.

Brazzil further stated that the newspapers were delivered to the Harvard Club, that is, two boys called there with the Press and the News and four or five of the employees, including "T. TA", (Maurice Baylis) got these papers every day.

As for the "fix" at the Harvard Club, Brazzil stated he did not know where it was but knows that there must be one. The only way, he stated, that he can figure it out is that there must be some arrangement with the officials of the village of Newburgh Heights. He was asked who might have caused Hebebrand and Patton to have to pay a fine or serve time in September 1935 and he stated that he did not know. He has heard it said among various of the dealers that the sheriff is a "right fellow" and will not come out and bother the club unless the mayor sends for him. At the present time Talbot and Conway are the apparent proprietors, but Patton and Hebebrand come to the club occasionally, and he has seen them in the place occasionally, as well as Dan Gallagher, who makes a few visits.

Brazzil advised that he knows Joe Roscoe and both Bert and Ted Angus of Toledo and that he saw Roscoe at the old Harvard Club a few times. He stated that he was floor manager of the Dutch Village, a night club in Toledo, Ohio, for about a year before he came to Cleveland, this place being operated by one Joe Rose and Art Hand. Previous to that he was out of a job for about four years and made a living by playing a few crap games and working in some bookie joints in Toledo. When he came to Cleveland he came with Ray Mulcahey.

Brazzil stated he knows most all of the dealers at the Harvard Club, but is not acquainted with the employees of the horse-room and that he has been in the office of the club only once.

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There are six slot machines there now and there were about twenty when the big place was operating. Some "dago", whose name he does not know comes in and collects from these machines. He also has heard that Nate Weisenberg has something to do with the slot machines, but he does not know how much. He has seen Weisenberg at the club and knows that he drives a Lincoln automobile. He also advised that Talbot told him he might be brought in for questioning and to tell the truth to which he answered, "What else can I tell?" He related that the various employees who have been in for questioning have been talking about it.

The following is a description of Earl Brazzil:

Age	- 37 yrs. (born E. St. Louis, Ill.)
Height	- 5' 5"
Weight	- 160 lbs.
Build	- medium heavy
Eyes	- light brown
Hair	- light brown
Face	- full
Complexion	- medium ruddy
Residence	Gordon Square Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio
Marital status	- married; wife in insane asylum; lives with another woman as his wife at the above hotel
Relatives:	mother and brother, Eddie, 1231 Morrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Occupation	- gambler
Crim. record	- arrested Toledo, Ohio, at Jovial Club for gambling; released; about 4 yrs. ago

Special Agents R. T. Noonan and J. B. Fitzgerald located William J. Finkelstine alias Bill Fink at apartment #328, Doan-brooke Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, and invited him to the Cleveland Bureau office where said agents interviewed him with the following results.

Finkelstine stated he was born and reared in Duluth, Minnesota; that he is now 39 years of age and has been a gambler since 1925; that he worked in a cafe in Duluth; then went to Chicago in

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1927 and worked in a gambling house at 511 North Clark Street, then went to Detroit, Michigan, where he worked in a gambling house called the Palm Garden and other gambling places until February 28th, 1935, when he came to Cleveland, Ohio. He stated that about a week after he arrived in Cleveland he got a job at the Harvard Club where he has since been employed as a clerk on the crap tables. He said that he and the other dealers are not taken into the confidence of the ones higher up in the club, and, therefore, does not have any information relative to the ownership and management of the place, but that Toots Talbot is the boss, and it seems to be common knowledge that Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton are the operators of the club.

Finkelstine did not come to Cleveland until several months after the three women were arrested at the Cleveland Hotel in September 1934 and stated that he never heard of the incident. Photographs of the Parker-Karpis mob and their women as well as photographs of the Clevelanders under investigation were shown to this man, who identified only Hebebrand, Patton and O'Neil and stated that he had seen a photograph of Karpis in the newspapers. He thought that he recognized Milton Lett as a schill but was not at all sure of it and also partially identified Fred Hunter as a person who looked familiar and may have been seen at the Harvard Club.

When questioned about income tax Finkelstine related that he paid \$6.38 on earnings of \$3000 for 1935; that the bosses at the Harvard Club kept track of the amount he had earned, had a lawyer or income tax man at the club who prepared the returns for all of the employees; that he was called into the office and told that he had to pay this amount of tax; that he signed the papers which were already prepared, paid the money and that was all there was to it. He had with him the duplicate of his tax return which reflected that he earned \$3,000 from the Avenue Catering Company, Cleveland, Ohio, and had a deduction of \$45 for sales tax paid.

The following description was obtained from observation and questioning:

Name	-	William J. Finkelstine alias Bill Fink
Residence	-	apartment #326, Doanbrooke Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio
Age	-	39
Height	-	5' 8"
Weight	-	167

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Hair - black
Eyes - brown; cast in left eye
Occupation - gambler, Harvard Club
Born - Duluth, Minnesota
Relatives- Elenore Finkelstine, wife, Doanbrooke
Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio;
Dr. D. Finkelstine, #218 Fargussen
Building, Duluth, Minnesota (brother)
E. M. Finkelstine, Virginia, Min-
nesota (brother)
Mrs. A. Burovsky, 1414 East Third
Street, Duluth, Minnesota (sister)

Louis Monica, 16610 Southland Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, telephone number Clearwater 5059-J, was contacted by Special Agent J. E. Brennan and requested to appear at the Cleveland Bureau office, which he did, and was interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Smith.

Monica advised that his true name was Motyka, and he was a carpenter by trade, but had not worked at his trade for the past six years. He further advised that for the past six years he had been employed at the Harvard Club, having been hired by Arthur Hebebrand, his brother-in-law, further stating that he had married Art's sister, Adeline, but she had died on June 24, 1933, death resulting from burns she had received in a fire; that he had one son, the result of the marriage, James, age 7½, a student at St. Joseph's Academy on Rocky River Road. He further stated that his mother-in-law, Hebebrand's mother, also lives with him and takes care of his son.

Monica was questioned whether he had submitted an income tax return, and he stated that he had; however, upon questioning, he stated that a Mr. Geisy (phonetic spelling) who he thought was a tax consultant had asked him questions relative to his dependants, and he stated he told him that he supported his mother-in-law, son and also claimed exemption for moneys paid to his church, which, in view of the fact that he earned only \$3200 or \$3300 per year was sufficient to place him on the exempted list. Monica was questioned as to how much he earned at the club, and he stated that he drew a salary of \$60 per week for a six-day week, very seldom working on Sundays. Monica stated that he was fairly certain he had sworn to the tax return, however, he could

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not say definitely.

Monica further stated that on May 24 or 25, 1934, he was shot in the abdomen during a holdup and was in St. John's Hospital for a period of about six weeks, and then was home for about the same length of time, after which time he was placed on the door for a very short period of time; then was made a starter, which duties consist of visiting the various stations maintained by the club for the convenience of customers. Monica advised that during the past two years all of his time has been spent on the outside on that work.

Photographs of the members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Monica; however, he was unable to identify any of them, further stating that due to his outside work he did not have the occasion to become acquainted with the dealers or customers in the club.

Monica was questioned as to the locations of the present stations maintained by the club, and he stated that one was located on E. 105th Street, north of Euclid Avenue, opposite the firehouse and one was located at 1000 Walnut St., in front of the Old Moose Hall; he also stated that the club operated four seven-passenger automobiles, which cars were owned by the drivers, who received ten dollars per day for their services and the use of their cars. Continuing, Monica stated that Paddy Regan was starter at E. 105th Street and Euclid Avenue, and he, Monica, was starter at the Old Moose Hall. He further stated that the following men were drivers and had been driving for a considerable length of time for the club.

Charles Farr,	address not known;	7-passenger Lincoln automobile
Joe Suk,	" " "	7- " Studebaker
Al Rice	" " "	7- " Pierce-Arrow
John Sweeney,	" " "	7-passenger Cadillac
Dave Liebowitz,	" " "	7-passenger Packard

Agent questioned Monica if anybody at the club had discussed this case with him, and he advised that no one had; however, he stated that several months ago he read in the newspapers that Art Hebebrand and James Patton were supposed to have harbored Karpis and that there had been some kind of a "tip-off". Monica was, however, unable to elaborate on this story.

The following description of Monica was secured by personal observation and questions answered:

Name	- Louis Motyka alias Monica
Age	- 37
Height	- 5' 7"
Weight	- 155
Hair	- dark brown, streaked with grey
Eyes	- brown
Teeth	- partial plate, upper front
Complexion	- medium
Build	- medium
Race	- white
Nativity	- Bohemian
Place and date of birth	- Pittsburgh, Pa., 7-14-99
Occupation	- starter and carpenter
Residence	- 16610 Southland Ave., Lakewood, Ohio
Societies	- Carpenters Local #1108
Relatives:	- sister: Rosella Motyka, 3389 West 90th Street;
	- brother: Charles (uses last name of Morgan) 3389 West 90th Street
brothers:	Rudolph Motyka, 3389 West 90th St.,
	Anthony Motyka, West 86th St.,
	Frank (uses last name of Morgan), Riveredge Avenue,
son:	James, 16610 Southland Avenue
Crim. record:	none claimed

George Langstaff, employee of the Harvard Club, was interviewed by Special Agents Clyde E. Smith and John E. Brennan and stated that he resides at 3261 West 130th Street, Cleveland, with his wife and two children, Herschel 10, and Agnes 6; that he is thirty four years of age, born in Ruses Point, New York, in 1902; that he has been employed at the Harvard Club for the past one and one-half years, previous to which he was employed in the Indiana

Lake Cabaret and Night Club; that he was paid ten dollars per day at the Harvard Club until recently when his salary was increased to twelve with two dollars per hour for overtime, but that he is not employed regularly in that the business is not always such as will require his services; that he deals craps at the club; that he never worked in Toledo but did work in Akron as a dealer for Pip Turner and Tom Hendricks; that the club prepared his income tax returns for him but that he did not pay any tax, as he did not have sufficient income; that he believes the return gave as his employment that he was connected with the Harvard Catering Company or Harvard Club, but that he is not sure of this, not having paid particular attention because his exemptions exceeded his income, and he did not have to pay a tax anyway; that he believes the return was executed before a man named Foshay or some similar name, but that he was not introduced to this man and does not know who he was. Photographs of all persons connected with this investigation were exhibited to Langstaff, of which he identified those of Milton Lett, Tip O'Neil, Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton.

He stated that he saw Milton Lett working at the club but does not know his name or who he associated with, stating that he, himself, does not associate with his fellow employees; that he only met Tip O'Neil once and that was when he came in and asked O'Neil for the job dealing craps and does not know what connection O'Neil has at the club and that the same holds true as to Patton so far as his knowledge of Patton goes. He further stated that he has had no military service; has only been arrested for gambling and that his photo and fingerprints are on file at the Akron Police Department, but that he cannot recall when they were taken. He stated that he knew nothing about the subject of this inquiry until Chris Brown told him to come down to the Bureau office.

Langstaff stated that Red McCool, another employee of the club, had told him that Mickey McGee, who was employed at the club in 1934 and who is now at the Chalet Club in Detroit, had an argument with Todd Talbot at a West 28th and Detroit Avenue saloon, and Milton Lett interfered and stopped it, and according to McCool, both parties apparently knew Lett.

On September 24, 1936, Thomas Allen Graham alias Lefty Graham, was interviewed in the Cleveland office by Special Agents S. E. McKee and A. Paul Kitchin.

Graham stated that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 26, 1901, and that he has resided in this city all of his life; that he has been employed as an AB seaman on the Great Lakes practically all of his life, with the exception of the past one and one-half years. He stated that he was employed as a black-jack dealer for four or five months at the Broadway Smoke Shop, 5406 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio, immediately previous to his employment at the Harvard Club which began in September 1935.

Graham stated that he went to the Harvard Club, at which time he asked Toots Talbot for a job and Toots put him to work at \$5 per day working at the black-jack table. He stated that he worked on these arrangements until about two or three days prior to the time the place was closed in January 1936, working the night shift from 10 pm to closing time. He stated that on Friday and Saturday when they would be busy; that they would start the third table around 8 pm and on these occasions he went to work at this time. Graham informed that only on one or two occasions he worked the day shift and that prior to January 1936 he was not laid off from work.

According to Graham, the only dealers on the black-jack tables were Marty Kuntz, Bob Cook, "Hymie" and himself and that at no time does he recall that any other dealer worked with him, and he does not know anyone by the name of Fred or Freddie that dealt black-jack at his table.

He was exhibited the photographs of the Parker-Karpis mob and also the photos of Milton Lett and Fred Hunter, but he failed to identify either of these photos.

Graham stated that he is at present making \$10 per day and \$1.50 per hour for overtime. He stated that he has never submitted an income tax return as he has never made enough money. According to Graham, he was approached by Talbot and asked about the income tax but he never signed any papers of any kind. He stated that if any return was made in his name, he had nothing whatsoever to do with it.

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Graham was questioned extensively relative to his knowledge of Lett or Hunter, and he denied that he had ever seen either of these individuals or ever knew that they were employed at the Harvard Club.

The following is a description of Graham as obtained from personal observation and interview:

Name	THOMAS ALLEN GRAHAM alias Lefty Graham
Age	35 born Cleveland, O., July 26, 1901
Height	5' 7"
Weight	125 lbs.
Eyes	dark brown
Hair	black, grey (curly)
Complexion	medium dark
Build	slender
Nationality	American
Teeth	bridge, upper front, both eye teeth gold
Scars and marks	none
Residence	5009 Wichita Avenue
Relatives	mother: Carolyn Graham, 5009 Wichita Ave. brothers: Albert Graham, 3320 Broadview Road Willard " same as mother's Robert " same as mother's Earl " same as mother's
Occupation	gambler (blackjack dealer at Harvard Club)
Crim. record	none known or admitted
Marital status	married (Isabel Silk Graham, wife Thomas Graham, son, age 12)

Mr. Frank W. Smith, 3843 Silsby Road, SW, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed at the Cleveland Bureau office by Special Agent S. K. McKee. He advised that he was born at Cleveland, Ohio, and was educated in the public schools of the city, later attending business schools. At one time he was advertising manager for the Phoenix Oil Company of Cleveland, Ohio, but since 1920 has been employed as a real estate salesman. At the present time he is president of the Beachcliff Building Company, 1324 Blount Road, Rocky River, Ohio, which organization was incorporated under the Ohio laws on June 1, 1936. He stated that the officers of this company, in addition to himself are A. W. Hebebrand, Treasurer; James A. Patton, Vice President, and Olive Ewing, Secretary. Miss Ewing is only a clerical employee and has been connected with Arthur W. Hebebrand in the real estate business for a long period of time. Smith stated that he has \$10,000 invested in the above company and that he borrowed this money from Patton and Hebebrand. He said that Patton and Hebebrand, each, has \$15,000 invested in the company and that the concern is presently building six houses on Morewood Parkway at Rocky River Drive, in addition to one house on Sedalia Avenue.

Smith stated that prior to becoming a member of the firm of the Beachcliff Building Company he was employed by Arthur W. Hebebrand as manager of the real estate organization which bore his, Hebebrand's, name, and that he was employed in that capacity until the organization of the Beachcliff Building Company. He said that from approximately September 1, 1933 until November 30, 1935, he was employed in the office of the County Treasurer as a clerk but that he still had charge of Hebebrand's real estate office during the time he was employed by the county. He advised that when the real estate business became very bad along about 1932 and 1933 he was given a job by Hebebrand at the Harvard Club and that his work there consisted of figuring payments to be made as results of bets on horse races. His recollection was that he first went to work at the Harvard Club in January 1933 and he said he has been working there more or less steadily until the present time and that he is still employed at the club doing figure work in connection with horse racing, for which he is paid a weekly salary of \$50.

In response to questions concerning the identity of the persons operating the Harvard Club, Smith stated that Patton and Hebebrand ran the club when it was located in the big place: that is, prior to the raid by Safety Director Ness, which occurred during January 1936. He stated that the same individuals still own the place but that employes named Conway and Talbot are presently operating it for them.

Smith was questioned for details concerning the rental of the house at 3973 West 140th Street to Alvin Karpis. He advised that during this period he was in charge of Hebebrand's real estate office, but he said at that time he was then also working in the office of the County Treasurer and that Edwin P. Slade was the person actively in charge of the real estate office. He advised that a family named Mraz for some time prior to the summer of 1934 had been purchasing the residence at this address under land contract and was a considerable period in default in making their payments. He said the situation had gotten to the point where it was necessary to foreclose on them, and after many negotiations this action had been taken. He advised that he had discussed the details of the Mraz house on numerous occasions with Mr. Slade and Mr. Hebebrand, and everyone understood that the house was to be rented and that it was necessary to obtain as much as \$40 per month rent from same.

He stated that Slade communicated with him one day during the summer by telephone and advised that he had rented the place for \$37 per month and that he told Slade at the time that he could not rent it for that money but would have to get \$40 per month. He said the place was rented by Slade and that his understanding was that the renters obtained the keys to the place from Mr. Slade at the Hebebrand office. Smith advised that the next he heard concerning this house was when the newspaper articles appeared, stating, in effect, that the premises had been occupied by Alvin Karpis and some woman and that Hebebrand and Mitchell were under suspicion for having rented houses to members of the Karpis gang.

Smith stated that he at no time had any conversation with Art Hebebrand concerning the rental of this house to Karpis other than a short conversation at the time the newspaper stories appeared. He said that on this occasion the matter was mentioned briefly during a conversation with Hebebrand and that Hebebrand remarked to him that "without a doubt I will hear more about that". Smith also stated that approximately three or four months ago Hebebrand told him that he was picked up by the government and questioned in connection with an income tax matter. Smith stated further that very recently he had heard from sources he could not recall that three or four employees of the Harvard Club had been questioned by this office, but he advised he had no knowledge as to the details of these questionings or the identities of the persons who had been questioned.

Smith was asked if he had ever talked to Shimmy Patton concerning the newspaper stories to the effect that Karpis and other members of the gang which bears a name had rented houses from persons affiliated with the Harvard Club and had frequented this club. He stated that he had never talked to Patton in this connection.

Smith was asked how it happened that one Bernard Devlin, a relative of Art Hebebrand, moved into the house at 3973 West 140th Street after Karpis had fled from the place, but he was unable to supply any information in this connection. He did state that he knew Devlin (Bernard) to be a nephew of Hebebrand; further, that the house was still furnished with the furniture belonging to Karpis when Devlin moved into it, but he knew nothing further concerning this situation. Smith was asked whether the house in question had been advertised in the newspapers or posted with signs as being for rent but he advised that he could not make either an affirmative or negative statement in this respect.

Frank Smith in response to questions furnished the following names of the various individuals employed in the horseroom at the Harvard Club at the present time:

Bert Trattner - lives on east side
 Joe McIntee - lives on Colgate or Elton Road
 Tom Collins - lives near McIntee
 William Rosen lives on east side
 James Dempsey - lives in Brooklyn or Park
 Bernard Devlin, cashier, Broadview and Valley Roads
 George Gould, 128th Street, south of Lorain
 ----- Dewar
 Bill -----
 Frank W. Smith
 Jim Connelley - lives in west end

The following descriptive data as to Frank W. Smith was furnished by him:

Name	- Frank W. Smith
Age	- 45 (born 4-25-91)
Height	- 5' 10"
Weight	- 140 lbs.
Hair	- light brown
Eyes	- blue
Residence	- 3943 Silsby Rd, SE, Cleveland, O.
Marital status	- married, one child
Occupation	- real estate - building
Criminal record	- claims none
Relatives	- Ida L. Smith, mother, 3114 Brinsmade Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

Relatives: Rudolph J. Smith, 3114 Brinsmade Ave.,
Cleveland
Elmer R. Smith, brother, 3685 West 135th
Street, Cleveland;
Alvina R. Smith, wife, 3843 Silsby Rd.,
Cleveland;
Ruth J. Smith, daughter, same

Edwin P. Slade, residence 1445 Prospect Avenue, Rocky River, Ohio, was interviewed at the Cleveland office by Special Agent S. K. McKee on September 24, 1936. He advised that he is employed at the Beachcliff Building Company, Rocky River, Ohio, as a salesman and that he secured this employment through Arthur W. Hebebrand. He stated that he has been in the employ of Hebebrand as a real estate salesman for the past seven years and that he has been in the real estate game all of his life. Slade is a man sixty six years of age.

Slade was questioned for the details concerning the rental of the house at 3673 West 140th Street to Alvin Karpis during the summer of 1934, and he advised that on a date which he recalls to be July 6, 1936, Karpis came to the office of the A. W. Hebebrand real estate organization at 9713 Denison Avenue and advised that he was interested in the house in question. Slade stated that this place had been occupied by a family by the name of Mraz.

He stated that at the time he did not definitely know that it was vacated inasmuch as the keys to this house had not been turned in by the Mraz family, although he knew there had been some negotiations under way to dispossess this family, because of their defaults in payments on their land contract. Slade was shown a photograph of Alvin Karpis along with a large number of other pictures, and he, without hesitation, identified Karpis' picture as that of the man who came to his office on the morning in question. He said he rented a house to Karpis at a figure of \$37 per month, stating that during his conversation with Karpis on this occasion Karpis said he was engaged in the concession business and that he, Slade, understood from this that he was possibly a gambler. He said that the keys to the house in question were not at the office when Karpis rented the place and that he told him to come back during the afternoon.

He stated that after renting this place to Karpis he communicated with Art Hebebrand by telephone, at which time Hebebrand told him that rental in the sum of \$40 per month would have to be obtained from this property. Slade stated that at this time Karpis used the

name Milgreth in connection with the rental of this property and that in talking with Hebebrand over the telephone he referred to him as Mr. Milgreth and that Hebebrand did not ask anything about him.

Slade stated that after Karpis' visit to the office in the morning Mr. Mraz turned the keys to the house in at the office and that Karpis came back in the afternoon and secured these keys. He stated that he told him of the additional \$3.00 rent which would have to be paid and that he paid this balance in cash without making any remarks except to say that it was alright. He also said that Karpis paid the \$37 rent in the morning in cash.

Slade said he had no more contact with Karpis until the next installment of rent was due and when Karpis did not come in to make this payment he went to the house and not finding anyone there put a note under the door concerning the rent and that Karpis came to the office the following morning and paid same and apologized at the time for his oversight. Slade went on to say that at about the time the next month's rent was due these people disappeared after the arrest of the three women in a downtown hotel in the city of Cleveland. In connection with payment of rental Slade advised that he believes the receipts for the two monthly payments in rent are still in existence.

Slade was questioned for his knowledge of the method used by Karpis in locating this particular house at the time he came to the Hebebrand real estate office and rented it. Slade was at a loss in this respect, saying he had no idea how the man learned that the property was for rent. He did state, however, that he is positive that the house was not advertised in the newspapers as being for rent and that it had not been placarded with 'For Rent' signs.

Slade was asked if he had ever talked with Art Hebebrand concerning this matter, and he advised that he had never had any such conversations. He did state that he had a conversation with Frank Smith on September 23, 1936, in which Smith advised that he had been questioned at the office concerning the rental of this property but that Smith had not gone into any detail concerning the questioning.

Florence Smith, 1822 Crawford Road, Cleveland, Ohio, friend and associate of Ardell Quinn, when questioned concerning her knowledge of the Quinn woman by Special Agents S. K. McKee and R. T. Noonan, related that she had been visiting the Harvard Club for about five years and that it was at the Harvard Club that she first met Ardell Quinn in January 1936. She first went to the club with one of the drivers from 105th Street in Cleveland, but as it has been about five years ago she could not recall just what the circumstances of the first visit were. Her visits to the Harvard Club have been for the most part to play the horses and place bets thereon, although she did state that she has shot some crap and has also played the roulette wheel at the Harvard Club. She frequented the club more regularly when it was in the large building and has been in the new place only a few times. She has been there only once since her return from California, she having been in California for about four months previous to the last week in September when she returned to Cleveland by way of her home in Butler, Pennsylvania, where she spent a week.

Florence Smith was shown the various photographs of the Barker-Karpis mob and their associates. She was able at once to identify Hebebrand and Patton, whom she stated she knew from her frequent visits at the Harvard Club. She did state that she had not seen them around the new place since it opened but they were always around the big building when the club was operating there before it was closed in January 1936. She was also able to identify the photograph of Dan Gallagher, with whom, she said, she was also acquainted. Florence Smith also identified the photograph of Milton Lett as one of the shills at the place and recalled seeing him often about a year ago. She also recalled that he was frequently at the Harvard Club with a party who said he was Lett's brother. This man she described as also a short fellow, stocky, ruddy complexion, a sort of turned up nose, with a more full face and somewhat heavier than Lett and also spoke with a southern accent. She was unable to state definitely that the photograph of Harry Campbell was the man who had been associating with Lett, but thought it possible he was the man. She was unable to make any other identifications of persons who were at this place and could not identify Fred Hunter as anyone she had ever seen working there. She gave the name of Ralph Minier, court reporter, as a friend of hers who often accompanied her to the Harvard Club.

The following investigation was conducted and reported by Special Agent W. E. Hoffman:

At 10:30 pm, 9-22-36, Agent Hoffman proceeded in a Zone taxi cab, hailed, at random, in the city of Cleveland, to the Harvard Club, 41st and Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, Ohio. En route, the taxi driver stated that the lookout at the club would probably demand to know the identity of agent unless he was already known there. Inasmuch as agent had not previously visited the Harvard Club, the driver agreed to accompany him inside to the gambling tables, stating that no questions would be asked if he did so. Upon arrival at the club agent with the driver experienced no difficulty in obtaining admission and the doorkeeper asked no questions.

Inside, through the locked door, which was unlocked by a buzzer system, were four dice tables located in the front half of the building, three of which were being operated, the fourth and last one toward the rear being covered with a regular spread. Although the tables (two) closest the entrance at the front were crowded with some fifteen dice shooters, each, the third table had only seven gamblers around it. Each table was equipped with four operators: the stockman, the ladderman and two dealers. At intervals of approximately 30 minutes one or more of these employees was relieved by a substitute. Chips were not being used, but cash, silver dollars and notes. The minimum bet on the line or the outside was \$1 with a 50¢ minimum bet on the odds. The ordinary leather cup was being used to shoot the dice. The dice tables were the only gambling devices being operated at the time, altho along the rear wall were four slot machines. No one played these and this portion of the building was in semi-darkness. A dice shooter, however, stated that during the daytime a black-jack table sometimes operated.

Agent began gambling at 11:15 pm on the last rear table operating. This table closed at approximately midnight, because all but three of the customers had left. Agent then gambled at one of the two remaining tables until approximately 12:30 am, 9-23-36, and having lost his cash departed therefrom. It might be stated that three women gambled during the course of the evening and placed bets. Both remaining tables were operating at the time agent left the club. The majority of the bets placed ranged from \$1 to \$5 but a few \$25 bets were made.

Agent was able to take a mental description of the various dealers, stick-men and ladder-men and believes he can, at a later date, depending upon the lapse of time, identify them as having been such at the Harvard Club.

Mr. H. B. Stoughton, 13029 Lorain, former sales manager of the Wm. J. Mitchell organization and presently salesman for the Alex Fodor Realty Company, 3324 Lorain Avenue, was interviewed relative to the receipt he executed on June 8, 1934, reflecting that H. G. Milgreth had paid \$50 for one month's rent beginning on June 10, 1934, for the house located at 18109 Flamingo Avenue.

Photographs of all themembers of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Stoughton, who advised that he could not positively identify any of them due to the fact that so many people had business dealings with him in the past that he did not pay any particular attention to them. Stoughton was of the opinion, however, that he had received a telephone call from a party who requested him to meet the party at 18109 Flamingo Avenue, which he did, and the party looked the house over and immediately rented it.

Stoughton denied having any conversation with either of the Mitchells prior to the renting of the house, stating that he believed the elder Mitchell was in Roumania at the time. Continuing, Stoughton advised that he had worked for the Mitchells for approximately twenty years, leaving their employ the first part of this year due to lack of work.

With reference to the information furnished Special Agent S. K. McKee by Al Foerster, crap dealer at the Harvard Club, to the effect that Milton Lett told him he was living at the Mecca Hotel, Special Agents A. F. Kitchin and C. E. Smith interviewed Mr. R. R. Downey, manager of the Mecca Hotel, 1862 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and exhibited a photograph of Milton Lett to him. However, he stated that he did not recognize him. Agents secured the 1935 hotel register from Mr. Downey and checked same for the name of Milton Lett, as well as all of his known aliases, but negative results were obtained.

Mr. Hollis Weisman, 1613 East 78th Street, former bell boy and presently room clerk at the Mecca Hotel, was interviewed by Special Agents A. F. Kitchin and C. E. Smith, and photographs of Milton Lett were exhibited to him. After careful examination of same Weisman stated that he could not recall seeing him at any time.

Mr. Fred Smalley, 6504 Linwood Avenue, night clerk at the Mecca Hotel, was interviewed by Special Agents W. B. Matney and C. E. Smith and a photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to him. Mr. Smalley, likewise, was unable to identify Lett as anyone he had ever seen.

Repeated attempts have been made to contact Mr. Don Carroll, 425 East 147th Street, former clerk at the Mecca Hotel. However, same have been unsuccessful. Mr. Carroll will be contacted in the near future and photographs of Milton Lett exhibited to him for possible identification.

Mr. Jack Van Sant, former clerk, is presently in Peoria, Illinois, and a letter is being forwarded to the St. Louis, Missouri Bureau office requesting that he be contacted.

With reference to the information furnished Special Agent J. L. Madala by Gladys Sawyer, to the effect that someone at the Harvard Club had recommended a Dr. Hannibal to Fred Barker, when she (Gladys) was in need of a physician, it was ascertained that Dr. J. E. Hannibal maintains offices at West 65th Street and Lorain Avenue.

Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and C. E. Smith interviewed Dr. John E. Hannibal at his office in the Marshall Building at West 65th Street and Lorain Avenue and exhibited photographs of various women members of the Karpis gang to him, and he identified those of Gladys Sawyer and Paula Harmon. In reference to Gladys Sawyer, Dr. Hannibal stated she was the individual whom he treated and was accompanied by the woman whom he had also identified.

Continuing, Dr. Hannibal stated that he first treated Mrs. Frank James of 3812 West 159th Street, as he knew her, on July 26, 1934, and again on July 30, 1934. He further stated after a check of his records that he again treated Gladys Sawyer on August 14, 1934, and again on August 16, 1934, which was the last time he saw her; the doctor stated that on the last two occasions his records disclosed that the Sawyer woman used the name, Mrs. Matterson. The doctor was questioned as to the difference in names, and he stated that the names had been given to his nurse, and he had paid no attention to them until shortly after the last time he had treated the Sawyer woman when he noticed her photograph in a Cleveland newspaper and a story setting forth her connections with the Karpis gang. The doctor stated he did not discuss the fact that such a notorious character was a patient of his with anybody but his wife.

Agents Kitchin and Smith had previously checked the records of St. John's Hospital, 7911 Detroit Avenue, for information relative to the shooting of Louis Monica, a Harvard Club employee, and it was

noted that Dr. Hannibal was a staff surgeon at St. John's Hospital; that this doctor had taken care of Monica during the time he was in the hospital. This information was secured from Mrs. Eugenie W. Kelley, record librarian of the hospital.

Dr. Hannibal was questioned as to whether anyone had recommended the Sawyer woman to him, and he stated that she had mentioned the Harvard Club, but he could not recall her mentioning any individuals' names. Dr. Hannibal further related that the mention of the Harvard Club did not appear of any significance at the time inasmuch as Mrs. Hebebrand, Mr. and Mrs. Patton, Louis Monica and about ten other individuals employed at the Harvard Club had been patients of his from time to time. Special Agent Kitchin questioned the doctor as to whether or not he had received a telephone call from anyone at the club advising him that the Sawyer woman was coming to see him, and he stated that it might have been possible, but he did not recall any.

Agents later checked addresses on West 159th Street, as well as West 59th Street; however, no number 3812 was noted.

Doctor Hannibal was again contacted by Special Agents W. B. Matney and C. E. Smith, and he reiterated the above story and again stated that he could not recall the Sawyer woman, mentioning the name of any individual connected with the Harvard Club, further stating that he had spent only a few minutes with the patient each time as all he had to do was remove a dressing and inject ovarian drops.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. L. Madala on September 28, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher, dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 11, 1934, which reflects an interview he had with Mr. G. S. Frambes, Jr., President of the Thomas Shirt Company, relative to a quantity of shirts this company sold to members of the Karpis-Barker gang during the time they resided at Cleveland, Ohio. In view of certain developments in this case, particularly with reference to the conduct of various employees of the Harvard Club, it was deemed advisable to re-interview Mr. Frambes for further details of the circumstances surrounding the sale of these shirts. The Cincinnati Bureau office advised on September 28, 1936, that Mr. Frambes was expected to be in Cleveland, Ohio, during the week of September 28, 1936, and furnished his

temporary address as the Y M C A Hotel, Cleveland. The writer contacted Mr. Frambes at the above hotel and requested him to come to the Cleveland Bureau office, which he did.

Mr. G. S. Frambes, Sr., advised that he has been connected with the Thomas Shirt Company at Columbus, Ohio, for the past thirty-five years; that he is now president of the organization and that his son, G. S. Frambes, Jr., is manager. Mr. Frambes went on to relate that about four years ago he became acquainted with Arthur W. Hebebrand, at which time the latter, together with others, were operating a gambling place immediately outside of Columbus, Ohio; that after their meeting Hebebrand began to buy tailor-made shirts through him from the Thomas Shirt Company, and he apparently was very much satisfied with them, as he thereafter referred many persons, who now are employed at the Harvard Club in Cleveland, to him for these type of fitted shirts.

Mr. Frambes advised that he recalls very clearly the circumstances of an order for shirts sold at the Harvard Club to E. Bronson. After referring to his records he advised that on May 17, 1934, which he remembers was on a Saturday, he received a call from Cleveland, Ohio, and the party calling identified himself as Hebebrand of the Harvard Club. Mr. Frambes could not recall now if he recognized his voice. He went on to relate that Hebebrand advised over the telephone that some friends of his at the club desired to be fitted for some shirts, and in this connection suggested that he come to Cleveland that day, stating that these parties wanted these shirts as soon as possible. Mr. Frambes advised that he informed Hebebrand to the effect that he did not contemplate going to Cleveland for another month or so, but that if it would be worth his while he would make a special trip to Cleveland on the following Monday, stating then that it was impossible for him to come that day; that Hebebrand assured him over the telephone it would be worth his while, and, accordingly, Frambes told him he would be at the club around noon that following Monday, May 19, 1934, and that he should have his friends there at that time.

Continuing, Mr. Frambes advised that he appeared at the Harvard Club on May 19, 1934, shortly before noon and asked one of the employees whether Art Hebebrand was in, he not seeing him in the club. He was informed by this individual, whom Mr. Frambes does not recall, that Hebebrand was in New York City and further indicated he was then in that city for a week. Mr. Frambes went on

to relate that shortly after his conversation with the above employee three individuals whom he had never seen before approached him and asked whether he was the shirt man. They then advised that they desired to be fitted for an order of shirts, and Mr. Frambes recalled that one of the men had with him a factory-made shirt, and in referring to it described what changes and alterations he desired on the manufacture of one for himself. Mr. Frambes stated that he did not fit this latter individual for a shirt, but that he did secure the measurements of the other two men; that he recalls two of these men being short, and the other being somewhat taller. He continued that after he obtained the measurements of these men, one of them who later gave his name as E. Bronson, placed an order for twelve shirts: one for eight shirts, and the other gave an order for six shirts; that the price of these shirts was \$6 each to the best of his recollection.

Photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were displayed to Mr. Frambes, and he positively identified the snapshot of Fred Barker as the man who did all the talking and who furnished his name as E. Bronson. He added that he clearly recalls that this man was short and dapper looking. Mr. Frambes also selected the photograph of Harry Campbell as a good likeness of the other short man, and after further study of this photograph he concluded it was the man in question. As to the third individual in the party agent particularly directed the attention of Mr. Frambes to the photograph of Alvin Karpis, but he either would not or could not identify the same. He explained that he did not pay much attention to this individual, as he had very little to say, and, further, because of the fact that he did not measure him as he did the other two men.

Mr. Frambes, although questioned at great length relative to this possibility, would not say that either of the above three men indicated that Art Hebebrand referred them to him or that they were the parties concerning whom Hebebrand had reference to in his telephone conversation with Frambes two days previous, as heretofore set out.

Mr. Frambes could not recall any employee of the Harvard Club known to him, being present at the club at the time he talked with E. Bronson et al. He stated definitely that Shimmy Patton was not there, nor was Art Hebebrand there. The names of Tony Amersbach and Sharkey Gorman were not familiar to Mr. Frambes.

Continuing, Mr. Frambes advised that while writing the order for the shirts desired, he asked Bronson and the other two men what initials they desired on their respective shirts, and they

specifically informed him not to place any marks of identification on any of the shirts in question. Mr. Frambes admitted that this was very strange, but later concluded that they were "hot" gamblers, and for this reason they did not want their identities known. He further stated he was instructed by Mr. Bronson to mail the shirts when ready to him in care of the Harvard Club, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland; that these shirts were to be sent COD and he assured Mr. Frambes that someone at the club would accept them.

Mr. Frambes advised that he asked for a \$50 deposit on this order and that Bronson gave him a \$50 bill from a roll that would "choke a horse", using Frambes' expression, and that he gave Bronson a receipt for this money, writing it on the back of one of the company's regular calling cards. Mr. Frambes advised from his records that the above order of shirts was shipped to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, on July 6, 1934, by Parcel Post COD for the balance due, which he recalls was around \$127; that the shirts apparently were accepted as the company received the money shortly thereafter, and that this was the last and only time he ever saw the above-mentioned men.

Mr. Frambes would not associate Art Hebebrand with Bronson and the other two individuals, other than by reference to the telephone call on May 17, 1934, which has heretofore been mentioned, and as to that he would not state positively that Hebebrand made the call, although admitting that the party calling identified himself as Hebebrand. Mr. Frambes intimated to agent during the course of the interview with him that the Harvard Club is one of his best stops and that during the past two years he has sold approximately \$1000 worth of shirts to employees working there. He, of course, admitted he would dislike very much to lose this business under the circumstances.

Mr. Frambes denied that he ever discussed this matter with either Art Hebebrand or Shimmy Patton after he was interviewed by an agent from this Bureau in October 1934, stating that they never asked him about this matter and that he at no time advanced them any information regarding the same.

Photographs of Milton Lett, Fred Hunter, John Brock and others were also displayed to Mr. Frambes, but without success.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. E. Fitzgerald and J. L. Madala on September 30, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, August 4, 1936, wherein on page six there is set out an interview had with Walter Stickel relative to a 1933 model Ford coupe which he sold to Charles Miller at Cleveland, Ohio, on February 4, 1935. It will be recalled that Charles Miller is an alias of Harry Campbell and that on March 27, 1935, the above-described car was traded in on a new 1935 model Ford coupe at Toledo, Ohio, this car being purchased by John Brock for Campbell.

It was deemed advisable to re-interview Mr. Stickel for further details surrounding the circumstances of the sale of the above car and with more particular reference to who, if any one, recommended either Karpis or Campbell to the Pollock Davis Motor Company, Cleveland, at the time the car was purchased. In this connection Agent Fitzgerald located Mr. Stickel at his place of employment, The Stanton Motor Company, Painesville, Ohio, and brought him to the Cleveland Bureau office where he was interviewed in detail by Agent Madala. Mr. Stickel reiterated the information previously furnished to Special Agent C. E. Smith relative to the sale of the 1933 model Ford coupe to Charles Miller, as is reflected in the report of Agent Smith, Cleveland, dated 8-4-36. The photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were again displayed to Mr. Stickel, but he could make no identifications. He advised that the entire deal for the sale of the above car was consummated in about ten minutes, and during this time none of the men had very much to say; that no argument was given by them about the price of the car and that the sale on a whole was a very simple and fact one; that in view of this he had no occasion to especially observe the individuals involved.

Mr. Stickel was asked whether he was acquainted with any one working at the Harvard Club, and he replied that to the best of his recollection he was not. Various names of the persons employed there were submitted to Mr. Stickel, but none of them appeared familiar to him. He further advised that he never visited the Harvard Club in his life, nor does he know whether any of the other former employees of the Pollock Davis Motor Car Company ever frequented this place.

Mr. Stickel could add nothing as to the description of Charles Miller and the two men who accompanied him when the said car was purchased. He stated that he only recalls that one of the men was tall and that the other two were somewhat shorter; also that the tall man wore a dark colored top-coat, buttoned at the neck.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and R. T. Noonan under date of September 22, 1936:

Reference is made to letter from the Cleveland office dated September 19, 1936, to all offices wherein appropriate investigation was requested for the purpose of locating 1935 model Ford Deluxe coupe, black in color, motor No. 18-1615253, which car was purchased at Toledo, Ohio, on March 26, 1935, by John Brock for Harry Campbell, the purchaser of the car at that time being reflected on the records as Charles Miller, 6604 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio, an alias and fictitious address of Harry Campbell. Teletype from the Cincinnati office under date of September 21, 1936, advised that this car was registered on April 20, 1936, by Cal R. Wood, 5026 Southern Boulevard, Youngstown, Ohio, who purchased same on April 18, 1936, under bill of sale No. 412924.

At Youngstown, Ohio, at the office of the County Clerk, bill of sale number 412924 reveals the sale of this car by L. F. Donnell, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio, to Cal. R. Wood, for a consideration of \$450 on April 18, 1936, same being signed by L. F. Donnell, Inc., by M. D. Holloway, the witnesses being Annette Anspach and Betty Dunn. In checking this car thru the registration of bills of sale in the county clerk's office a record was located under bill of sale #390144, filed September 17, 1935, wherein this car described as a used car with further description as set out above, was sold by "Chas. Miller", 6604 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio, to the Manning-Marino Motor Co., 907 Wick Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, under date of September 17, 1935. No consideration was named on this bill of sale. The bill of sale was signed by Chas. Miller and for the Manning-Marino Motor Co., by Mary A. Edwards. The witnesses are Myron G. Erb and E. Dixon, and the notary public appears also as Myron G. Erb. The records further show that this car was originally registered in Lucas County, Ohio, under bill of sale #377631, filed March 26, 1935.

The records further show that this same car was sold by the Manning-Marino Motor Company to Peter V. Kappelhof, 165 Manchester Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, for \$495 on September 21, 1935, under bill of sale #390611, filed September 21, 1935, the bill of sale being signed by Mary A. Edwards for the Manning Motor Company and the witnesses being Myron G. Erb and E. Dixon, and the notary being Myron G. Erb, these being the same names that appear on the bill of sale by Miller to the Manning-Marino Motor Co. Under date of March 30, 1936, bill of sale #408842, Kappelhof sold this car to L. F. Donnell, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio. Thru the cooperation of James A. Green, Clerk, Mahoning Co., and the assistance of Mr. Humphreys of the Clerk's office, arrangements were made whereby a photostat copy of this bill of sale was made at the City Blue Printing Co., Wood and Phelps Street, Youngstown, Ohio, thru Henry Caldwell of that company.

At the Manning-Marino Motor Company, 907 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, A. R. Marino was interviewed with reference to the purchase of this car. He advised that it was taken in in trade on a Hudson 1935 model 2-passenger coupe, bearing mtr. #68021, serial #546629, model HT. The records do not show the color of this car, but in Mr. Marino's recollection it was black in color. Mr. Marino advised that he was the salesman who handled this deal, and he produced the original order for this car which was turned over to agents. The ledger records of this company show the value of this car as \$800, the tax \$24 and the license and filing fee as \$9.50, making a total of \$833.50. The amount of cash paid is shown as \$463.50, and the value of the Ford allowed on the trade is as \$370. The original new car order is dated Sept. 13, 1935, and shows the make of the car requested to be a Hudson, the model to be HU (which is the Deluxe, but same not being available this was changed to HT which is a standard), the type to be a two-passenger coupe, high head equipment which converts the standard Hudson into a 124 HP motor. It showed a deposit of \$100 at the time of the order. The name Chas. Miller and the address 6604 Pearl Road is said by Marino to be in the handwriting of the purchaser but the word "Cleveland" is inserted by Mary A. Edwards. The signature of A. R. Marino appears on this order. On the reverse side of this order there are the following figures in pencil "\$1025.00" "S P" and "\$595.00 Ford", with "430.00 Bal". Mr. Marino explained this by saying that the \$1025 was the original selling price of the car but that for the cash deal \$225.00 was deducted from the selling price, but in order not to show a fictitious profit the allowance on the Ford was increased \$225, and if \$595 was not realized on the sale of the Ford whatever the difference was between the sale price of the Ford and the \$595 was deducted from the profits.

Mr. Marino was thoroughly questioned concerning the purchaser of this car. He furnished the following description of the Chas. Miller who purchased this car: age 25 to 30 years; tall, not quite 6 feet; very slim build; wore dark clothes; talked good English, no impediment in speech, no southern accent. This party came in one day and ordered the car and returned either that day or the second day after and secured the Hudson. During the time the Hudson was being prepared and serviced this party remained in possession of the Ford and did not leave it with the Manning-Marino Motor Company. According to Mr. Marino, the man who gave the name of Miller came in alone when the order was given for the car. He parked the Ford in front of the motor company, came into the place and advised that he wanted a new car and Mr. Marino immediately went out and appraised the Ford, ^{the} whole transaction at that time, according to Marino, not taking over ten minutes.

Various photographs were shown to Marino, including those of Karpis, Campbell, the Barkers, John Brock, Milton Lett and Fred Hunter. Marino selected the photograph of Fred Hunter as the one who resembled the purchaser of the Hudson coupe, Chas. Miller, and after considerable discussion made the statement that in his own mind he felt certain that Hunter was

the one who purchased the car and that if he saw him in person he was sure he would know him. During this discussion Marino identified the photo of Karpis as a party who, under the name of Ames, had purchased a car there in October 1935. Mr. Marino explained that his records would probably show the sale of between 1200 and 1400 cars subsequent to the sale of this Hudson coupe and that in the majority of these instances the signatures of the purchasers are not witnessed in their presence. Relative to Mary A. Edwards, Mr. Marino stated that her signature appearing on bills of sale for the Manning-Marino Company is a routine matter and in the great majority of instances she never actually observed the purchaser of the automobile.

During the interview with Mr. Marino, Mr. Myron G. Erb, bookkeeper and notary public appearing on the instant bill of sale was also requested to view the photographs that were exhibited to Mr. Marino. After a careful examination of these Erb stated that he was unable to identify the purchaser of the Hudson coupe in question as resembling any photograph shown to him. Continuing, Mr. Erb related that it was customary that he notarize all bills of sale that were drawn within the office of this company, such bills of sale amounting to well over one thousand a year. He stated that relative to this particular instance, he recalls nothing whatsoever concerning the description or possible identity of the person with whom this transaction was consummated.

After conferring with Mr. Marino, Erb was requested to examine the records of the Manning-Marino Company to ascertain whether or not this automobile has, subsequent to the instant sale, passed through the hands of this organization. Agents were subsequently advised by Mr. Erb that he had not completed this search but that upon completion of such he would advise the Cleveland field office the result thereof.

Ed Dixon, salesman, 72 Beneta Street, Youngstown, Ohio was interviewed at the office of this motor company, at which time he advised that he has been employed by this company for the past twelve years; that he was probably on duty on the date the above-mentioned Hudson coupe was sold to Charles Miller and that if he recalls correctly, he witnessed the signature of Charles Miller in the office of Mr. Erb. He stated that he does not recall anything further relative to this deal except that Jennie Lyle was present at this time and was conversing with Charles Miller. He could offer no description of the man, Miller, except that he was short and stout, but qualified this by stating that during the time he was in Mr. Erb's office the purchaser was seated with his back toward him and, therefore, he did not at any time see the man's features. He further qualified this statement by saying that he may have the wrong incident in mind and he may have witnessed the signature of Miller without Miller being in the office at all. The photographs mentioned above were exhibited to him with negative results.

Subsequent to the interview with Mr. Erb, Marino was interviewed with reference to his acquaintance with Clayton Hall, and he stated he had seen Hall out to the dog tracks, but did not know his identity until some time in October 1935 when he came to the Manning-Marino Com-

pany with one O. Ames, whom he identified as Alvin Karpis.

Mary A. Edwards, Secretary and Cashier of this motor company, was also interviewed and the above-mentioned photographs shown to her but she failed to identify anyone of them as being a person known to her and she also stated that she could not recall this particular transaction.

J. Carl Manning, 1218 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, partner in this automobile firm, stated that he does not recall this particular transaction due to the fact that he very seldom makes any sales of automobiles and that when a sale is made by him personally it is someone of his old customers who deals with him directly. He was also shown the above photographs but was unable to make any identification.

Peter V. Kappelhof, 165 Manchester Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, and his son, Harry, were interviewed at which time they advised that they purchased this Ford automobile from salesman Moore of the used car department of the Manning-Marino Motor Company and that the car was in excellent condition and, therefore, neither of them asked any questions as to its previous owner. Peter Kappelhof stated that he gave a cashier's check in payment for this automobile and that he retained custody of this car until same was traded to the L. B. Donnell, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio, on March 30, 1936.

Jennie Lyle was located at Lake Milton, about 20 miles west of Youngstown, Ohio, she being the adopted daughter of Aleck Lyle, who operates a resort on this lake. This girl stated that she has been employed at the Manning-Marino Company for about a year and a half and that she knew the Marino family for a considerable time prior to her employment. She was questioned relative to instant transaction and stated that the name of Charles Miller was familiar to her but she could not place any of the details in her mind and was unable to identify any of the photographs shown to her. This girl made the statement that she would not be surprised at any sale Marino might have made to any questionable character due to the associates of Marino and the reputation and occupations of his brothers. She named Marino's brothers as follows: Charles Marino, who works at the motor company in the service department; Hap Marino, whom she has never seen in the place of business of the Manning-Marino Company, but he has served two terms in the penitentiary, charges not known but believed to be hold-ups; Rocco Marino, who operates slot machines and also the Deluxe Cab Company in Youngstown; Dominic Marino, plumber; Anthony Marino, school teacher on the east side of Youngstown.

Charles Marino who has a cottage on Lake Milton was interviewed and was unable to make any identification from photographs shown to

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him and did not recall this particular transaction with Charles Miller and further advised that being in the service department of this company he seldom came in contact with purchasers of automobiles who did not return for service.

The original new car order for this Hudson coupe and the photostatic copy of the bill of sale for the Ford coupe have been forwarded to the Technical Laboratory, under separate cover, with a request that a comparison be made of the signature of Charles Miller appearing thereon with the known specimens of handwriting on file with the Bureau of the members and associates of the Barker-Karpis mob.

Letter was received under date of September 24, 1936, from A. R. Marino of the Manning-Marino Motor Company, Youngstown, Ohio, which stated that the above Hudson coupe, motor No. 68021, serial No. 546629, was found, after checking the records, to have been again handled by this company under date of November 1, 1935, when it was purchased for \$500. No other details of this transaction were given in this letter; therefore, A. R. Marino will be again contacted for the purpose of determining from whom he purchased this car and all details relative to the transaction.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John E. Brennan:

Information was obtained by agents working at Toledo, Ohio, indicating that the telephone in the temporary office in the Edison Building, Toledo, Adams 1410, may be tapped, possibly by the Toledo Police Department, specifically that one Ben Fretti informed Special Agent E. J. Dowd that upon calling the police department on one occasion regarding an auto accident he had overheard a long distance call between Toledo and Cleveland relating to a secret indictment at Toledo and picking up various subjects.

Adams 1410, Toledo, was found to be working on pair 6 of the house cable in the Edison Bldg., which pair appears in a terminal box on the wall outside room 519, multiples in a terminal box outside room 1209 and is connected to pair 112 of the underground cable in a terminal box located in the basement of the Edison Building. No bridges were found in these terminal boxes, and the corrosion on the binding posts indicated that they had not been loosened for quite some time. No multiple of the underground cable could be found by calling on other pairs in this cable. The lead from the subset in the office to the terminal box outside of room 1209 was removed from the moulding, this being the only wiring in the circuit not in conduit, but no indication of a tap was found. Pair 6 was then disconnected from the house cable at the underground terminal box and from the subset and an electric current was introduced on this pair. This showed an open circuit and no indication of a condenser charge as would have been the case had this pair been tapped through the conduit or at any point in the circuit.

Arrangements were made with Mr. B. A. Hart, Plant Superintendent of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Toledo Branch, that agent accompany Mr. Orris Apple, Repair Foreman, of 24 years' experience in telephone trouble shooting in Toledo, to test the line of Adams 1410. It was ascertained that the underground cable carrying pair 112 goes directly to the Adams switchboard from the Edison Building $2\frac{1}{2}$ blocks distance and does not multiple. The terminal on the main board showed no indication of bridging to the test board or any other point and pair 112 in the underground tested ok. In the long lines department a minimum of forty operators are required to handle long distance calls, any of whom might handle a Toledo-Cleveland call. The house cable was rechecked and found to be free of a tap.

Special Agent Dowd recalled a conversation had between Ben Fretti and an insurance adjuster heard on Fretti's tap on September 14th, relating to the accident concerning which Fretti called the police department on that date, at which time Fretti is alleged to have overheard the Toledo-Cleveland long distance call. It was ascertained that E. A. Gernerchak, insurance adjuster, 401 Gardner Building, Toledo, had a claim made by Ben Fretti against William Ruchi relating to an auto accident on that date, whereupon he was interviewed by Agents Dowd and Brennan and stated that Ben Fretti had telephoned him on the morning of September 14, 1936 and related that he had just ascertained from the traffic bureau that William Ruchi, a city fireman, residing at 145 West Park Street, was the owner of an automobile that had run over the curb in front of his house at 1 am that date and damaged his property; that he had talked to Mr. Ruchi, who informed him he was covered by insurance and to call Mr. Gernerchak and make a claim. Mr. Gernerchak was sure that the call was made before noon on September 14th. No report of the accident was made to the police, however, this will account for Fretti's call to the police department on September 14th which call must have been made between 8 am when the traffic bureau opens and noon.

Special Agent Dowd also recalled reading, in a Toledo newspaper, an article regarding a case investigated by the alcohol tax unit wherein a secret indictment had been obtained and convictions were recently entered against a number of defendants. This unit has no telephone in Toledo, and it was the practice of the agents working at Toledo to call their Cleveland office from the District Attorney's office, police department or the WPA office - collect.

Agent Brennan communicated with Special Agent S. K. McKee at Cleveland by telephone and informed him of the above information and suggested that while in Toledo a check might be made at the alcohol tax unit office to determine if that unit called their Cleveland office on September 14th and talked about a secret indictment, etc., and agent was instructed to pursue this lead.

Agents Dowd and Brennan interviewed Mr. Ralph Paquette, deputy collector of internal revenue, Toledo, who stated that none of the alcohol tax unit agents were at present in town; that they had recently completed the trial of a case involving a liquor conspiracy wherein a secret indictment had been obtained and about which the agents had talked to their Cleveland office. He stated that the unit agents made all of their calls collect as they had no phone in Toledo.

Agent Brennan communicated with Inspector E. J. Connelley at Detroit by telephone and informed him of the above, as well as the fact that further check at the alcohol tax unit at Cleveland and telephone toll tickets there might reveal that the call overheard was between the alcohol tax unit agents at Toledo and their Cleveland office. Inspector Connelley instructed agent to return to Cleveland and complete the investigation there.

The records of long distance calls charged to the Cleveland Bureau office reveal no call between that office and the Toledo temporary office on September 14, 1936.

Mr. U. H. Berard, aide to the Assistant Supervisor, Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, informed agent that a number of his men were working in Toledo on a liquor conspiracy case wherein a secret indictment was returned at Toledo. By consulting his records it was ascertained that defendants in this case were arraigned on September 15th and that on the morning of September 14th he had a telephone conversation with his men at Toledo, discussed the secret indictment and the impending arraignment, and gave them instructions to pick up the defendants for arraignment on the following day.

Conclusions: As

1) Ben Fretti telephoned the traffic bureau, Toledo Police Department, on the morning of September 14, 1936, at which time he has stated he overheard a long distance call between Toledo and Cleveland wherein a secret indictment was mentioned, as well as the arrest of defendants.

2) There is no call of record between the Cleveland Bureau office and the Toledo temporary office on September 14, 1936.

3) On the morning of September 14, 1936, a telephone conversation was had between the Alcohol Tax Unit office at Cleveland with their investigators at Toledo, which conversation was substantially the same as reported overheard by Ben Fretti. (In this connection the police switchboard operator may have left the key open on the pair carrying this call when Fretti's call came in.)

4) Check of the house and underground cables leading to Main 1410, Toledo, Main switchboard and testboard reveal no indication of a tap on this line.

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5. The suggestion made by Detective Hanson to Agent Dickstein that the office pair might be connected to a police call box might have been possible when the telephone company was located in an old building near the police department several years ago as terminal boxes were located in the rear of the telephone building and there was a lot of open wiring, but is impossible at this time as both are in new buildings, all wiring is underground and pair 112 in the underground from the Edison Building to the Adams exchange does not multiple.

It is reasonable to assume that there is no tap on Main 1410, but that Fretti overheard the alcohol tax unit call through the police switchboard.

On September 27, 1936, Special Agent R. C. Connell at the Cleveland office received an anonymous telephone call, apparently from a woman, to the effect that a Sally Jackson, who operates a tavern on Pearl Road and who drives a Plymouth car, license KX 241, had Karpis and his mob around her tavern, as well as Hebebrand. The caller also stated that one Leo Hesseman, 3145 West 90th St., also knew Hebebrand and some politicians.

Special Agent C. E. Smith checked the records of the Automobile License Bureau, 709 St. Clair Avenue, and ascertained that 1936 Ohio license KX 241 was issued to Sally Jackson, 4015 Gifford Road, for a 1932 Plymouth coupe.

Through Mr. H. P. McNally, Internal Revenue Department, Retail Liquor Board, Agent Smith ascertained that a Sally Jackson, 6698 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio, had secured a license in October of 1934 for a tavern known as the Twilight Inn, located at 6698 Pearl Road. Mr. McNally further advised that the record disclosed that his unit had inspected the tavern on June 29, 1935, and ascertained that the operator, Sally Jackson, resided on the second floor of the tavern, and his record further disclosed that the license had expired on June 30, 1936. Continuing, McNally stated that a Pauline Miller, 6698 Pearl Road, had been arrested by state officers and on November 16, 1935, Pauline had plead guilty to the illegal sale of liquor in the Municipal Court at Cleveland, Ohio, and had received a fine of \$100 and a sentence of thirty days in the workhouse. Mr. McNally stated that a D-1 state license, number 11172, had been issued to Sally Jackson.

Mrs. Clare Jentes, record clerk, Ohio State Department of Liquor Control, Marshall Building, was interviewed by Agent Smith and questioned relative to any knowledge she might possess regarding a tavern located on Pearl Road by two sisters, and she stated that the Twilight Inn at 6698 Pearl Road had been operated by some sisters known as Sally and Pauline Jackson; however, she stated that she did not know where they were at the present time, although she believed that another sister known as Marie Tomons operated a place in Berea, Ohio, known as Lindy's Tavern and located on Lindbergh and West Roads, West View, Ohio. Mrs. Jentes further stated that Sally Jackson was also known as Sally Dunge.

Agent using the pretext of investigating liquor licenses stopped at the Duke of York Tavern, 6698 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio, and engaged the proprietress, Hazel Davis, in conversation, and she stated that she formerly operated a tavern at 5520 Broadview Road and had purchased the Twilight Inn, now the Duke of York Tavern, from a Sally Jackson, whose present whereabouts she did not know, although she thought she was at the Lindy Tavern in Berea, Ohio.

Special Agents C. E. Smith and J. B. Fitzgerald on October 2, 1936, located Leo William Hesseman at the machine shop of Bardon and Oliver Company, 1133 West Ninth Street, Cleveland, and invited him to come to the Cleveland Bureau office to be interviewed. He came voluntarily to said office and was questioned by said agents and also Agent S. K. McKee, with the following results:

Mr. Hesseman stated that he was born in Sandusky, Ohio, but came to Cleveland over twenty years ago where he has since resided with his mother and that he is presently a tool room foreman for the Bardon and Oliver Company, where he has worked for the last twenty years. He said that he has known Sally, Pauline, Florence and Marie Jackson for the last three or four years and that during 1934 he and Sally Jackson opened a beer parlor known as Twilight Tavern located at 6698 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio, in which he invested \$700. He stated that he saw a fellow called "Tony" around the tavern and that he saw Tony at the door of the Harvard Club on the one occasion that he was at said club.

Early in the interview Leo Hesseman stated to Agents Smith and Fitzgerald that "Art" from the Harvard Club often came to this tavern, was very generous with tips when there and on one occasion paid the orchestra \$25 and that "the Harvard Club crowd practically kept the place going". Later Hesseman denied that he made this statement and said that "Art" was at the tavern only once; that he had never seen "Art", did not know where he came from or anything more about him. Hesseman at first identified a photograph of Fred Hunter as a person he knew as "Little George", whom he had seen at the tavern, but later denied this and said that he had never seen this man and could not identify the photograph. He viewed all other photographs usually displayed in this investigation and did not identify a single one. He said that altho he has lived in the west side of Cleveland for the last twenty years, he has never heard of Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, Dan Gallagher or any of the other well-known characters connected with the Harvard Club. He said that

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as far as he knew, none of these men had ever been at the Twilight Tavern unless Hebebrand is the Art he heard of once being at this tavern. He stated that the girls who actively operated this tavern - namely: Sally, Pauline, Florence had never mentioned anything about the Harvard Club, any of its gamblers or any members of the Barker-Karpis gang to him. At first this man spoke of Tony Amersbach of the Harvard Club crowd, then later changed his story and said he did not know Tony's last name, where he worked or anything about him. He advised the sisters are now operating a tavern at 7403 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

It became quite evident to agents that Hesseman at some point in the interview had a change of heart and decided not to know anything about what went on at this tavern nor anyone who frequented the place. He was questioned at length by the agents mentioned herein, but after a certain point the more he was questioned the more he appeared to forget.

Following is a description obtained from observation and questioning:

Name	-	Leo William Hesseman	5145 West 90th
Age	-	42 (6-13-94)	St., Cleveland
Height	-	5' 6"	
Weight	-	145 lbs.	
Build	-	slender	
Eyes	-	brown	
Peculiarities	-	exceptionally receding lower jaw	
Hair	-	brown	

Special Agents S. K. McKee, A. Paul Kitchin, L. Levin and C. E. Smith called at the beer parlor located at 7403 Denison Avenue, where, according to Hesseman, the Jackson sisters probably could be located, and, upon entering a young woman approached agents, and upon questioning stated her name to be Pauline Jackson. She further stated that her sister, Florence, was working in a box factory at West 105th Street and Madison Avenue, and her sister, Sally, was presently residing with her sister, Marie Tomon, who operated the Lindy Tavern at Lindbergh and West Roads, Berea, Ohio.

Special Agent L. Levin immediately proceeded to the box factory for the purpose of picking up Florence, and Agents Kitchin and Smith proceeded to Berea, Ohio, for the purpose of picking up Sally Jackson.

Special Agent S. E. McKee remained at 7403 Denison Avenue with Pauline Jackson, and while waiting for Agents Levin, Smith and Kitchin to return, Tony Amersbach, doorman at the Harvard Club, entered the place, and was questioned by McKee and Tony stated that he thought he had seen agents enter the place and was curious to know what it was all about, as he thought that agents always remained downtown. After having several drinks Tony Amersbach left the beer parlor in a taxicab, stating he was going to take the club money to the bank.

Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and C. E. Smith interviewed Marie Tomons, Lindy Tavern, Lindbergh and West Roads, Berea, Ohio, and was advised by her that her sister, Sally, had left for Cleveland, Ohio and would probably stop at Pauline's place at 7403 Denison Avenue. Agents then returned to 7403 Denison Ave., as previously instructed, where they were met by Agents McKee with Pauline and Levin with Florence.

Special Agent A. P. Kitchin was left at the beer parlor to pick up Sally (when she appeared), and Agents McKee, Levin and Smith proceeded to the Cleveland Bureau office with Pauline and Florence. During the period that Agent Kitchin waited for Sally, Tony Amersbach again appeared at the beer parlor and inquired of Agent Kitchin as to the whereabouts of Agent McKee, and the reason why the beer parlor was closed, upon receiving no information Amersbach left. Sally Jackson later appeared at the tavern and was brought to the Cleveland office by Agent Kitchin.

Sally Jackson was questioned by Special Agents S. E. McKee, A. P. Kitchin and C. E. Smith, and she stated her true name was Helen Jasany; however, she had used the name, Sally Jackson, for years, and on occasions also used the name, Sally Bunge, which is her married name, although she is presently separated from her husband, Carl Bunge, who resided at 1526 Lakeland Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

Sally stated that she bought the Twilight Inn during August 1934, spending most of the time until October 1934 in getting the place ready for business and that she operated the place until January of 1936, when she sold it to Leo Hesseman, 3145 West 90th Street, who, she stated, was a friend, whom she had known for eight or nine years. Numerous photographs of the members of the Karpis mob were exhibited to Sally, however, she was unable to identify any of them, with the exception of Arthur Hebebrand, whom she stated that she knew, because she sold tickets for a clam bake at the club. Sally

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was questioned as to the individuals at the Harvard Club she knew, and who had patronized her Inn, and she stated that Tony Amersbach and Art Hebebrand had stopped at the Inn on one or two occasions.

Agents called Sally's attention to the photographs of Hunter and Karpis and asked her if she could recall ever seeing them anywhere and in particular if it wasn't a fact that she had a date with one of them; however, she strongly denied knowing either of them. During the whole interview Sally adopted a very hostile attitude and objected to being questioned by agents.

The following description of Sally was obtained by agents from personal observation:

Name	Helen Jasany alias Sally Bunge
Age	29 alias Sally Jackson
Height	5' 5"
Weight	130
Hair	blond
Eyes	blue
Teeth	fair and even
Complexion	fair
Build	medium
Race	white
Nativity	Czechoslovak
Marital status	separated; not divorced
Residence:	1423 Castle Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; presently with sister, Marie Tomons, 118 West Bagley Road, Berea, Ohio, telephone Berea 232
Relatives:	
husband:	Carl Bunge, 1526 Lakeland Avenue Lakewood, Ohio;
father:	Albert Jasany - 1423 Castle Ave.
mother:	Katherine " same
sister:	Pauline " same
brother:	Albert " same
brother:	John " 819 Jefferson Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
"	Edward Jasany, West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio
sister:	Marie Tomon, Berea, Ohio

Special Agents S. K. McKee and A. P. Kitchin interviewed Pauline and she stated that her true name was Jasany, altho she had used the name of Jackson. She was questioned relative to the operation of the Twilight Inn operated by her sister, Sally, and she stated that the Inn was opened about October 1934 and closed about January 1936; that they served chicken and steak dinners and lived upstairs above the Inn and that she and her sister, Florence, occupied one bedroom and her sister, Sally, and her husband, Carl Bunge occupied the other bedroom.

Numerous photographs of the members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Pauline; however, she denied ever having seen any of them at the Inn. She did, however, state that she had seen Art Hebebrand and his girl friend, Ruth, in company with Tony Amersbach and his girl friend at the Inn.

Upon questioning Pauline stated that she had seen individuals from the Harvard Club at the Inn, whom she knew as Stubby, Whitey, Ray and Sharkey; she denied, however, knowing their last names. Pauline also stated that she had met Shimmy Patton, but stated that he had never been at the club. Continuing Pauline advised that she started to work for a Carl Fisher, 1577 Marylyn Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, about six weeks ago in his cocktail bar at 7403 Denison Avenue. Pauline was unable to furnish any information relative to Fischer other than he owned the place.

The following description of Pauline was obtained by agents from personal observation:

Name	Pauline Jasany alias Pauline Jackson
Age	24
Height	5' 3"
Weight	123
Hair	peroxide blond
Eyes	blue
Complexion	fair
Build	medium
Race	white
Marital status	single
Residence	1423 Castle Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

During the time Special Agent S. K. McKee was waiting at 7403 Denison for the return of Agents Levin, Kitchin and Smith, he noted a home telephone directory that contained the notation - "Tony - slot Mich 3085". It will be noted here that Mich 3085 is the telephone

listed to Morris Haas at 4601 Harvard Avenue, headquarters for slot machines.

It was also noticed that a State D-2 liquor license number 13501 had been issued to Carl Fisher and a federal liquor permit number 35956 had also been issued to Carl Fisher at 7403 Denison Avenue.

On October 2, 1936, Special Agent L. Levin questioned Florence Rose Masany at the Cleveland Bureau office. She stated that she was born on October 24, 1917 at Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the Lincoln Junior High School, Cleveland, leaving there in October of 1934. She resides at her parents' home, 1432 Castle Avenue, Cleveland, and is presently employed at the Gair Cleveland Carton, Inc., at 105th and Madison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, where she has been employed since 7-14-36.

She stated that she has a sister named Sally, who in about August 1934 rented the premises at 6698 Pearl Road, Cleveland, for a tavern and which was opened about October 1934 as the Twilight Tavern; that toward the latter part of that month she started working as a cook at the tavern and another sister named Pauline worked as a waitress and general assistant to Sally; that Sally and Pauline assumed the name of Jackson for business purposes. Florence further advised that she underwent an operation for her eyes during the early part of November and that she was at home not working during the entire month of November and the early part of December of 1934; that she then resumed her position at the Twilight Tavern and that she left there on Christmas Day 1934 to be at home, inasmuch as her mother was troubled with asthma and was unable to carry on the household duties; that she stayed at home until the latter part of March 1935 when she returned to the tavern as cook and continued in that capacity until the tavern was closed during December 1935, at which time her sister, Pauline, was arrested and charged with selling intoxicating liquor without a license.

She stated that she first met Art Hebebrand about the early part of May 1935, at which time a clam bake and chicken fry were being held at the tavern; that sometime prior to that time she had accompanied her sister to the Harvard Club to secure payment of tickets to the clam bake, which tickets had previously been left there; that on that occasion she had been refused admittance to the club, inasmuch as she was under age; that her sister, Sally, went into the club and that she had to await her return on the outside of the club; that, as a result, she believes, of these tickets being sold, Art Hebebrand came to the clam bake, accompanied by Tony Amersbach, at which time she served them and at which time

she was introduced to them; they were by themselves at a table and two other employes of the Harvard Club were at an adjoining table, they being George, the electrician, and one Sulzman, whose identity she was not certain of. Further, that from time to time various employes of the club came to the tavern, and she named these as being Ray, Stubby, Red and Sharkey, but was unable to furnish their last names; further, that Tony was a more or less frequent visitor to the tavern, but that she does not recall his being accompanied there by any other persons than those already mentioned; that she believes that Art Hebebrand was at the tavern only one other time, at which time she did not see him, but was informed by one of her sisters that he was on the porch, it being the summer, accompanied by a woman, whose identity she did not know. She stated also that Tony was door-keeper at the club and that it was he who had refused her admittance to the club, but that her sister, Sally, went to the club quite frequently to gamble.

She was shown photographs of Karpis et al, and she identified the photos of Art Hebebrand, Tony Amersbach and Sharkey as persons known to her by reason of their having appeared at the Tavern and that they were pointed out to her as being employes of the Harvard Club. She was unable to identify any other photos as being persons who had ever visited at the tavern, either with members of the Harvard Club or as other visitors.

She was questioned about the newspaper publicity attendant upon the arrest of the Karpis women by the Cleveland police during the early part of September 1934 and stated that she recalled nothing of the incident, explaining that she was not seventeen years of age at the time and did not pay much attention to newspaper stories. She did state that she recalled the publicity in connection with the apprehension of Karpis and explained this by stating that the newspapers carried two pictures of him, one before his face was lifted and the other after the operation and that there appeared to be no difference between the two photographs. She explained her interest inasmuch as the face lifting operation intrigued her. She was asked if she had seen newspaper photos of Baby-face Nelson and replied that she had and that she would be able to identify his photo; however, she chose the photo of an individual who in no way resembled the photo of Nelson.

She stated also that she never saw Shimmy Patton at the tavern, but she knew the name, saying that she had been told by her sisters that he and Hebebrand operated the Harvard Club. She was questioned at length about any individual who answered the description of Karpis having accompanied Hebebrand or other employes of the club to the tavern, and she insisted that if such

a thing had happened that she knew nothing of it, since she spent most of her time in the kitchen preparing the food. She also informed that there were four rooms above the tavern and that she and Pauline occupied one, Sally occupied another, the third was a living room, and the fourth was not even furnished. She denied that any male persons had slept in any of the rooms while she was there, until the time when Sally was married, which was in November 1935, after which Sally's husband occupied the room with her.

She was questioned about the name John Brock and stated that it was not even familiar to her, and she was unable to identify his photograph. Her description was furnished as follows:

Name	- Florence Rose Jasany
Address	- 1432 Castle Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
Age	- 19 (born 10-24-17, " ")
Height	- 5' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	- 123 lbs.
Hair	medium blonde
Eyes	- blue
Complexion	- fair
Build	- slender
Scars and marks	- none
Education	- 11th grade, Lincoln Jr. School, Cleveland
Occupation	- factory worker (Gair Cleveland Carton, Inc.)
Marital status	- single
Crim. record	- claims none
Relatives	- father: Albert) mother: Katherine) all residing sister: Pauline) at brothers: Albert) 1432 Castle Ave.

John, 819 Jefferson, Cleveland
Edward, 25th near Lorain, "

sisters:
Marie Tomon, Berea, Ohio
Sally Bunge, Berea, Ohio

Frank Warner alias Whitey Warner, room 1132, Allerton Hotel, dealer at the Harvard Club, was interviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith and questioned as to any information he had relative to the Twilight Inn located at 6698 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio, inasmuch as Pauline Jackson had stated she had

seen a Whitey from the Harvard Club out at the Twilight Inn during the time it was operated by her sister, Sally. Warner stated he had never been at the Twilight Inn and did not know where it was located. He further stated he had never heard of any sisters operating any kind of a tavern and did not know any sisters by the name of Sally, Pauline and Florence Jackson.

It is also to be noted that during the interview Warner stated that he had, the last time he was interviewed by agents, identified the photograph of a man who had played crap at his table. Warner was again shown the photographs of the Karpis gang, and he picked out the photograph of Karpis and stated that he had seen the man in the club twice since he had first identified him, and in this connection Warner either identified Karpis' photo erroneously or is trying to repudiate his identification.

Mr. Clayton Johnson, Lieutenant of Police on desk duty at Central Police Station, East 21st Street and Payne Avenue, on September 8, 1934, at the time Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette were arrested, was interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Smith relative to the complaint made by Paula Harmon to the effect that a matron had taken a ring from her.

Johnson stated that inasmuch as he was on desk duty he had to investigate a complaint of that nature, and upon a call from one of the matrons he went to the Women's Jail and questioned a Mrs. Matterson, who stated that the matron on duty had taken a ring from her. According to Johnson, after questioning the Matterson woman he ascertained that the Matterson woman had the ring when she left the Cleveland Hotel, but did not have it when she arrived at the jail.

The lieutenant further stated that his investigation revealed that the women were throwing articles out of the automobile in which they were being transported to jail, and if the Matterson woman did have the ring she may have thrown that out of the car. Johnson further stated that the women did have considerable jewelry on them. He further stated that the detectives and the Department of Justice men were working on the case, and inasmuch as they did not appear to be investigating that angle, and inasmuch as a police-woman had brought the women in and that department was responsible for their own, he advised the Women's Bureau and made no further investigation. The lieutenant further stated that he did not question the women for any information other than regarding the ring.

William Stark, patrolman No. 653, assigned to the Traffic Bureau, Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, was interviewed by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and C. E. Smith, and he stated that on September 5, 1934, he was assigned to traffic duty on the corner of West Third Street and Superior Avenue, between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm. He further stated that about 4:40 pm on the above date he received a call from the management of the Cleveland Hotel that there were some drunken women in the hotel creating a disturbance. Stark stated he went over to the hotel and observed a woman lying on the floor of the lobby in an intoxicated condition. He identified the photograph of Gladys Sawyer as this woman. He further stated that there were two other women with the drunken woman. Stark identified the photographs of Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon as the two women who were with Gladys Sawyer, further stating that Wynona Burdette had a little girl with her.

Stark further stated that the hotel management wanted him to put the women out of the hotel so he called the Central Station and requested that the detectives be sent inasmuch as the women had considerable jewelry on them which aroused his suspicions. He stated that while he was waiting for assistance the management of the hotel took the women into a room in order to keep them out of sight and soon after his call to the Central Station Miss Wilcox, a policewoman, came to the hotel in response to his call. Stark stated that Miss Wilcox went into the room and questioned the women and then came out and told him that something was wrong with them as they had offered her a lot of things if she would let them go. Agents were then advised by Stark that the management brought the women to the side door of the hotel, also stating that the woman who had been lying on the floor was in a wheel chair. As soon as the women were placed on the street they were taken into custody by Miss Wilcox and himself and placed in Miss Wilcox's two-door sedan. During the time they were putting the women in the automobile, Stark stated that one of the women took the little girl and started to run down the street, but was caught by some man and brought back to the automobile. After getting the women into the automobile they started for the police station with Miss Wilcox driving and Paula Harmon and the little girl sitting in the front seat and Stark, Gladys Sawyer and Wynona Burdette in the rear seat.

Continuing, Stark stated that he had all he could do to keep the women quiet in the rear seat, as they were throwing their arms around an awful lot, and he did not want them to get his gun. He further stated that about East Third and Superior Avenue the woman in the front seat hit Miss Wilcox in the eye with her fist

and gave her a black eye. He further stated that they then picked up the traffic man at that corner and he rode the right hand running board to the station. Stark was asked if the women threw anything away while they were driving to the station, and he stated that he did not see anything thrown from the car himself, but later after arriving at the station some traffic officer had brought a bill of sale and some automobile keys to the station which had apparently been thrown from the car.

Continuing, Stark advised that upon their arrival at the station he assisted in bringing the women to a small conference room on the third floor, which room is located immediately adjacent to the Women's Bureau. He then stated that he talked with the little girl for a short time in an endeavor to ascertain where the women lived; however, he only found out that they resided somewhere on the west side of town. He further stated that a short time after the women were brought into the station Detectives Hugo and Jacobs took the case over and he went home. The following morning he inquired of Inspector Nevel what had become of the women and was advised by him that the police had found a house on the west side of town and raided it, but the men were not caught. Stark was then questioned whether he had heard any rumors as to how or why the men had not been caught, and he stated he had not. He further stated upon questioning that none of the women had offered him anything to get away, as he had not talked to them except for a short time at the hotel.

It will be noted here that the members of the hotel management had identified Paula Harmon as the women who tried to run away with Francine Sawyer rather than Wynona Burdette, as identified by Stark.

On September 22, 1936, Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and R. T. Noonan located Antoinette Mora at 620 Wilson Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, this woman having been in jail in Cleveland on September 6, 1934, during the time Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette and Mrs. Harry Sawyer were also being held there. When interviewed Miss Mora stated that while she was in jail at the time above mentioned she could not recall the three women in question either from the photographs shown to her or from descriptions furnished, and she did not recall any women having been picked up at the Cleveland Hotel at that time and lodged in the jail. This woman showed a cooperative attitude, but was unable to give any information, the reason being, as she stated, that she had been drinking considerably the day she was picked up and could not now recall much about it.

A record of the long distance telephone calls made from the following telephones from January 1st to August 1st, 1936, was obtained from the Ohio Bell Telephone Company through Miss Mabel Hiller in the office of Mr. Christman, Manager of the Department of Public Relations:

Residence of Morris Haas	- Yellowstone 0583
Samuel Haas	Longacre 8460
Mate Weisenberg	Fairmount 6671
Office of Weisenberg & Haas	Michigan 3085
Office of Samuel Haas	Cherry 1584

Due to the fact that no significance is placed in any of the calls listed on this record at present, same is being placed in the Cleveland office file on this case. Also due to the numerous calls listed they are not being copied for insertion in a report.

Special Agent W. B. Matney made inquiry at the Retail Merchants Board, Cleveland, Ohio, regarding one John C. Ferguson, 3827 West 158th Street, it having been previously determined that his home would be suitable for installation of a telephone tap as to Arthur W. Hebebrand, 3909 West 158th Street. It was learned that Ferguson has been employed for a long number of years as a motorman by the street railway company and has always enjoyed a good reputation.

Special Agent Matney contacted John C. Ferguson, 3827 West 158th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. This man advised that he has been employed by the Cleveland Railway Company for about twenty years, but has not been working for the past five months due to a serious injury to his arm, which was broken in three places. Mr. Ferguson advised that since his injury he and his wife have rented rooms to help defray expenses. Ferguson appeared to be a reliable person, and agent advised him of agent's identity but gave no indication as to why agent wanted the back bed room on the ground floor of this house. Ferguson advised that he would keep agent's identity confidential and would advise his wife that agent was an attorney for the street railway company and he, Ferguson, had met agent while he was working for the company.

It is believed advisable to secure the lower back bedroom as there has been a phone in this room before and the wiring is still in this room.

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Mr. Ferguson advised that the man occupying this room at the present is planning on going south on the first of October. After a lengthy conversation with Mr. Ferguson he agreed to talk to his wife and see if they could arrange it so agent could occupy this room immediately. They stated that this man was a landscape gardener but was broke and behind in his rent.

After Ferguson and his wife had an opportunity to talk to the occupant of this room Ferguson was again contacted and stated that this man had come home drunk and had resented their suggesting that he vacate this room. Ferguson stated that this man would leave on the twenty-sixth of September and requested that agent see him again on that date. He advised that the rent on this room would be \$7 per week. Ferguson has a phone in his house, this number being Clearwater 2485-M.

The above-mentioned room is being secured so as to install a tap on the home phone of Art Hebebrand, who lives on 158th Street in Cleveland, Ohio.

9-20-36

At 1:35 am a girl by the name of Billy called Ardell's residence and talked to Gladys and told her that "We're at Springfield" and that they would spend the night there and would come to Cleveland the following morning.

At 8:10 pm some man called and asked to speak to Billie and asked Billie how she liked it over there. Billie told him that she hadn't had any business and things looked pretty slow. He stated that she should be careful and "take good care of that dough"; that they would leave there the next day. He stated he was staying at 1906 East 84th Street.

9-21-36

At 2:02 pm the same man again called Billie and after being informed that business was still slow, he stated that he expected they would make at least \$50. He then said they might go to Buffalo the following day.

At 8:12 pm this same man called and told Billie that he would come for her at 10 pm, and they would go to Buffalo. Agents Smith, Malone and Kitchin covered this proposed departure but no one was seen at either Ardell's place or 1906 East 84th Street.

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9-22-36

At 4:12 pm some man called and said he was a friend of Edith Barry and wanted to come out. Ardell then called Edith in Toledo and Edith said this man was ok and his name was Walter Patnoe. Then followed a friendly conversation.

9-23-36

At 8:55 am the manager of the Tilden Apartments, 1906 East 84th Street, called Ardell and stated that the man who stayed there had left some clothes and a scottie dog and wanted to know where she could send them to him. Ardell stated she did not know his address.

From telephone calls it was learned that Bill Quinn, clerk at the Hollenden Hotel, is a close friend and procurer for Ardell.

9-24-36

At 1:25 pm Gypsie Currier made an appointment with the hairdresser for 10:30 the following morning.

9-25-36

On this morning Agents Noonan and Kitchin picked up Gypsie Currier as she filled her appointment stated above.

At 8:01 pm Mr. Rudd, janitor of the apartment house in the rear of Ardell's place, called Ardell and stated he had something important to tell her and she should come to the rear of her back yard.

9-26-36

At 1:05 pm Helen Claude called long distance and asked for Mr. W. T. Keller or Tiller at telephone #580, Joplin, Missouri. Mr. Keller was not in; Helen later canceled this call.

At 1:10 pm Ardell called Sergeant Fife at the 11th precinct relative to Gypsie being missing. Sergeant Fife said he would come over at 2:30 and see her.

At 3:15 pm Sergeant Fife called Inspector Carey from Ardell's and requested Inspector Carey to see if Gypsie was being held at the PD. He gave description, etc.

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At 3:30 pm Inspector Carey called Ardell and told her Gypsie was not at the police department and he could not find any record.

At 8 pm Ardell called Detroit, Temple 19209 and talked to Jane relative to some man who stated he knew Jane. This is evidently a house of prostitution as Jane stated the man was ok and good for \$20.

All during this day Ardell made several calls in an effort to locate Gypsie. On this same night the agents of the Cleveland Bureau office raided the house of Ardell Quinn and the results are being reported in a separate report.

9-27-36

Ronce answered phone on each occasion and told the parties at the other end not to talk over the phone and about Ardell's arrest.

9-28-36

Harry Hall, bondsman, made several calls to the house in an endeavor to find Joe Vanim relative to the bond for Ardell's release. Mr. Booth, attorney for Ardell, also called.

At 8:29 pm Mike Cosser, evidently a bondsman, called the U. S. Commissioner at Fairmount 4084 and tried to get the Commissioner to accept bond for Ardell on this night. He was told by the Commissioner that he could make bond at about 8:20 or 8:25 the next morning. Immediately after this call Mike Cosser called Dwight E. Williams, Deputy U. S. Marshal at Garfield 9086-J and told him that the Commissioner would allow bond at \$20 the next morning. Williams said he would be down early in order to assist and see that Ardell would be released. He stated that he would have her at Nicola's office.

9-29-36

Some man from the Independent Towel Supply called and talked to Martha McGuire and asked her if they were going to continue out there or did they want him to come by after the towels. She told him to call later and talk to Ardell.

Due to the fact that they evidently had some one from the telephone company checking the line, the tap on both phones was temporarily discontinued. Garfield 4780, the private phone, was taken out of Ardell's but the tap was continued on Garfield 9241, the pay station.

9-30-36

At 2:55 am -- Out.

Man called Henderson 0910 (Belden) asked for 301

Jean Hello

Man Just a minute, Jean

Woman (taking phone from man) I want to know something for your own benefit. Did you squawk on Ardell this afternoon?

Jean Who is this? I told what I had to Who's this?

Ardell (taking phone from woman) You recognize my voice, don't you? Tell her what she wants to know.

Jean Yes, I recognize your voice, Ardell.

Woman (taking phone from Ardell) DID YOU SQUAWK ON ARDELL?

Jean Who's talking?

Woman Never mind who's talking. If you squawked on her, you'd better hide or get the Hell out of town right away too - if you know what's good for you.

Jean I'm under a doctor's care now. (Woman hung up while Jean talking).

Out - Receiver lifted, but no number called.

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10-1-36

At 10 am "Cele" called Ardell from Detroit and during the conversation said "And to think of all those thousands you've paid those people downtown". Ardell immediately cut in and changed the subject.

On 10-2 and -3-36 nothing of importance happened over this tap.

On 9-23-36 the tap on the Beachcliff Realty Company was discontinued as it was unproductive. On 9-30-36 at 12:55 pm a tap was installed on the telephone at the residence of Art Hebebrand and is being maintained by Agents E. J. Dowd and W. B. Matney. Up to and through 10-3-36 this tap has been unproductive.

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From September 25, 1936 until September 30, 1936, the various agents assigned to this investigation were engaged in the investigation of the case entitled ARDELL QUINN; Gertrude Carrier et al, Victims, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT, which was an outgrowth of the telephone tap on the Quinn woman which was installed to secure information concerning corruption in the city with respect to vice and the police department through which the fugitives herein were able to come to the city and secure assistance in hiding from the law.

No undeveloped leads are being set out in this report for the reason that all investigative activity at the present time is being assigned to the various agents on the assignment in memorandum form.

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FILE NO. 7-6

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 10-5-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-2-6-36	REPORT MADE BY M.C. Falkner jfn
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NAT'L FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of the registration of Ford De Luxe Coupe, motor #18-1615253, at Motor Vehicle Bureau, Santa Fe, N.M. Stop notice placed on 10-2-36; stop notice withdrawn on 10-5-36. <p style="text-align: center;">RUC</p>			
REFERENCE: - Letters from the Cleveland Office dated September 19, 1936 and September 29, 1936.			
DETAILS: - <p style="text-indent: 40px;">The reference letter dated September 19, 1936 requested that check be made of the Motor Vehicle Bureaus under the jurisdiction of each field office to ascertain if Ford De Luxe Coupe, bearing above motor number, had been registered at any of these Motor Vehicle Bureaus. Request was made in this letter that in the event no registration had been made of this automobile, that stop notice be placed with the various Motor Vehicle Bureaus.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AT SANTA FE, N.M.:-</p> <p style="text-indent: 40px;">On 10-2-36 inspection was made of the records in the office of the Motor Vehicle Bureau and it was determined that the automobile in question has not been registered there. On the same date a stop notice was placed on this automobile.</p> <p style="text-indent: 40px;">The reference letter dated September 29, 1936 stated that all stop notices on the instant car may be withdrawn, as this automobile had been located at Youngstown, Ohio in possession of an innocent purchaser for value. On 10-5-36 the above stop notice with the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Santa Fe was withdrawn.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN -</p>			
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.
October 2, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated a person connected with the American Christian Foundation paper was in his office and desired a photograph of Karpis and Campbell for reproduction purposes in connection with an article they were preparing.

The above request was complied with.

Respectfully,

T. D. QUINN.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 8, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter under date of October 3, 1936, advising that investigation through the office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Washington, D. C. failed to reflect the filing of a corporate income tax return by the Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio.

Please be advised that the original request, as contained in letter from this office to the Bureau, dated September 19, 1936, was that inquiries be made to ascertain whether the Harvard Club had filed tax returns under the name of the Avenue Catering Company, inasmuch as the individual income tax returns of several employees of the club, when examined in this office, showed the name of the Avenue Catering Company as the source from which their salaries had been received.

It will be appreciated if you will have the desired inquiries made as to this concern.

SKM/EJB
CC - Chicago
- Cincinnati

Very truly yours,
J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

*See Cleveland 10/16/36
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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1232; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
VICTIM - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 8, 1936,
in which you request that the Bureau ascertain information concern-
ing the income tax returns filed under the name of the Avenue
Catering Company.

By letter dated October 8, 1936, the Bureau was advised by
Honorable Guy T. Helvering, Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., that the request made concern-
ing this matter was receiving attention. Your office will be advised
upon the receipt of additional information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

cc-Cincinnati
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PHONE BREKID USA FREED INDICATES WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE
FULLY AT CLEVELAND AND SHOWS INTEREST IN POSSIBLE HARBORING CHARGES
PER CONVERSATIONS WITH SAC MACFARLAND AND SPCL. AGT. S. K. HCKEY
HOWEVER THEY HAVE NOT COMMITTED THEMSELVES AS TO WHAT IF ANYTHING DEFINITELY
ELY WE ARE DOING ON HARBORING. THERE IS SOME INQUIRY TO BE MADE HERE
AND NEWARK IN PAUL H. A. WENDEL MATTER WHICH VETTERLI AND SPCL. AGT.
WEST CAN COVER AFTER TOMORROW AND BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE FOR ME TO
PROCEED TO CLEVELAND TOMORROW SOME TIME FOR LINE UP OF WORK THERE
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, RETURNING HERE FOR NEWARK GRAND JURY FRIDAY WHICH

I WILL DO UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY. THIS WILL GIVE ME OPPORTUNITY TO
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FILE NO. **7-2**

REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 10-7-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-25-36	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMEON ADM
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; ET. AL.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of 1935 Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1615253 among the records of the Automobile Registration Bureau, State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas. Stop placed against the registration of this automobile.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Circular letter to all field offices from the Cleveland Office dated September 19, 1936.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">At the office of the Automobile License Bureau, State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas, it was ascertained that they had no record of the registration of 1935 model Ford DeLuxe Coupe, motor #18-1615253. The search of the records was made in the presence of the writer who examined all of the registration cards of this series as recorded in the License Bureau.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">An appropriate stop was placed among the records of the State License Bureau as to this automobile and the Little Rock Office will be advised if the same is registered or any inquiry received concerning the same in the future.</p> <p>UNDEVELOPED LEAD:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will conduct the investigation requested in the summary report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 8, 1936.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P E N D I N G -</p>			
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PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE LETTER OCTOBER THIRD REGARDING UNKNOWN
SAM. INFORMATION OBTAINED THIS INDIVIDUAL IS BENSON GROVES ALIAS
B. J. GRAYSON ALIAS GEORGE WILSON SENTENCED ATLANTA PENITENTIARY
JUNE NINETEEN THIRTY ONE FOR MAIL ROBBERY. FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION
T WNTY FIVE OVER NINETEEN, I OVER O, SIXTY EN OVER EIGHTEEN. PLEASE
OBTAIN SIX PHOTOGRAPHS, PERSONAL HISTORY, CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS AND
FORWARD CLEVELAND AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR USE IN LOCATING.
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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In connection with the harboring investigation in the above entitled case, it is desired that a photograph be secured of LUCIAN C. FLEMING, former state prohibition officer.

I am informed that a photograph of Fleming may be obtained from Mr. Herbert Hine, Department of Liquor Control, Ohio Hartman Building, Columbus, Ohio. Fleming was employed in the Enforcement Division for eight years prior to 1936.

Will you kindly secure a copy of this photograph and forward same to this office?

Very truly yours,

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- Chicago

J. P. MacFARLAND
Special Agent in Charge

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Edwin J. Brown

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

October 8, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In connection with the above styled investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, information has been developed that Fred Barker, with aliases, ordered shirts from the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, and that these shirts were shipped to him in five packages, under the name of E. Bronson, 5111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, via parcel post, cash on delivery. Attached to these packages were so-called "tags", or receipts, signed by the addressee of the packages, indicating that he had received the packages. These tags are on file in the money order section of the Cleveland post office, and Mr. James Collins, assistant postmaster, has advised that he could not release these tags unless the office of the third assistant postmaster general at Washington, D. C. so ordered. Accordingly, it is requested that appropriate steps be taken so these tags may be made available.

To properly identify these tags, it is stated that they are each for \$25.40, are each addressed to E. Bronson, 5111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and are from the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio. These tags bear C.O.D. number of the Columbus post office of 81202, 81203, 81204, 81205, and 81206. They also bear Cleveland post office money order numbers 629675, 629676, 629677, 629678, and 629679. These latter numbers are the key to the filing at the Cleveland post office.

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Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

Letter Postmaster General
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October 24, 1936.

The Honorable,
The Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Postmaster General:

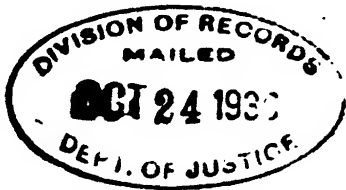
During the course of an official investigation being conducted at Cleveland, Ohio, it was determined that the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio shipped to E. Bronson, 3111 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, via parcel post, cash on delivery, five packages. Attached to these packages were receipts signed by the addressee, indicating that he had received the packages.

Photostatic copies of these receipts are desired in order that continued investigation can be conducted, and Mr. James Collins, Assistant Postmaster, Cleveland, Ohio has advised the Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, that he would be unable to temporarily release the receipts unless the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D. C. authorized this action.

The receipts in question are further described as being for \$25.40 each, bearing cash on delivery numbers of the Columbus Post Office as follows: \$1202, \$1203, \$1204, \$1205 and \$1206. The receipts also bear the Cleveland Post Office money order numbers 629675, 629676, 629677, 629678 and 629679.

It would be appreciated if you would authorize the Postmaster at Cleveland, Ohio to temporarily release these receipts to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose stated.

Sincerely yours,



(Signed) Homer Cummings

Attorney General.

cc-Cleveland

Re: ...

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT Okla. City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/7/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/28/36 10/6/36	REPORT MADE BY L. B. Reed
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1252; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Okla. City files contain no data to show acquaintance or association between Sam Coker and Harry Campbell previous to Coker's arrest in Ohio. Coker first mentioned in these files 1/10/36. Coker released Okla. Penitentiary 9/3/35. Investigation of Coker in Okla. was begun in Jan., 1936 due to his association with "Burghhead" Keady, who was affiliated with Karpis and Fred Barker. No information to show Campbell connected with Karpis-Barker mob between time Coker was arrested with Karpis and Fred Barker 6/10/31 and Coker's release 9/3/35 or prior to 6/10/31. John Brock sentenced to Okla. Penitentiary 10/8/31 and discharged 8/5/34. Okla. City files do not show Brock ever associated with any subjects in Brekid case in Okla. Brock was a protege of Keady, the association beginning upon Brock's discharge in August, 1934. Brock's first association with Karpis-Campbell apparently when Keady put Brock in Garrettsville mail robbery. Coker and Brock were strickly Keady's men. Keady now reported running gambling joint in Dallas, Texas.</p>			
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DETAILS:

On September 28, 1936 Special Agent E. J. Wynn of the Cleveland Bureau office telephoned the Oklahoma City office, and informed Special Agent L. E. Kingman that Mr. E. J. Connelley had directed that certain information be obtained from the Oklahoma City files in this case with reference to the harboring situation at Toledo, Ohio, and it was desired all information in the files in this case be summarized, which would tend to show that John Brock and Sam Coker were acquainted with Harry Campbell previous to their association with Campbell in the Garrettsville mail robbery. Mr. Wynn stated that if no information to this effect could be found in the Oklahoma City files, it was desired that inquiries be made to develop such information.

Concerning Sam Coker, the Oklahoma City files in this case have been examined, and found not to contain any information to show acquaintance or association between Sam Coker and Harry Campbell in Oklahoma, or previous to Coker's arrest in Ohio. Sam Coker was first mentioned in the Oklahoma City file on this case in a letter dated January 10, 1936 from this office to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago. It had been learned at that time that Coker was associating with "Burrhead" Keady since Coker's release from Oklahoma State Penitentiary; that Coker lived and had relatives at Nowata, Oklahoma. Covers were placed on the mail of Coker's relatives in an attempt to get new leads as to Campbell's whereabouts, it being believed that some information might be developed through that method, as Coker and "Burrhead" Keady were closely associated.

In January, 1936 Post Office Inspector Hettrick, Cleveland, Ohio, indicated his belief that Coker was then at Cleveland, and had been in the Garrettsville, Ohio mail robbery. Hettrick said that Coker had been under observation by the Post Office Inspectors.

The records of Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma reflect that Sam Coker, #14023, was admitted to that penitentiary March 18, 1931 on conviction of bank robbery to serve thirty years. He was paroled January 11, 1931, and the parole was revoked February 13, 1931, and he was returned to that penitentiary June 19, 1931. The records show that Coker remained in the State Penitentiary at McAlester from June 19, 1931 until September 2, 1935, on which date he was paroled. He was returned to that penitentiary May 9, 1936 after his arrest in Ohio. The revocation of Coker's parole in 1931, according to the record clerk at McAlester, Oklahoma, was brought about because it was learned he had been running with Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and others. He was arrested on June 10, 1931 at Okmulgee, Oklahoma in connection with a jewelry robbery at Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Attention is called to the fact that at that time Coker was arrested

with Karpis and Barker and from then on up to the time of Coker's release in September, 1935 from Oklahoma State Penitentiary there is no information to indicate that Harry Campbell had been associated with the Karpis-Barker gang, in Oklahoma.

By Special Agent L. E. Kingman.

With reference to John Brock, the records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma reflect that Brock was sentenced to that institution on October 8, 1931 from Creek County, Oklahoma for assault with intent to kill, and was discharged on the expiration of his sentence on August 5, 1934.

An examination of the Oklahoma City file in this case does not reveal that John Brock ever had any connection with any of the subjects in the BREKID case in Oklahoma.

Special Agent L. E. Kingman, who was familiar with the situation in Tulsa, states that at the time of the arrest of "Burrhead" Keady, it was ascertained that John Brock returned from the penitentiary in August, 1934 broke and ill with syphilis and nearly blind. George "Burrhead" Keady picked Brock up and took care of him, and gave him employment in Keady's gambling and liquor joints. At the time of the Garrettsville mail robbery Brock was employed by Keady at the Lincoln Hotel Barroom, 3 South Main, Tulsa. Brock was Keady's man, body and soul, but there is nothing to show that Brock ever had any connection with Karpis or Campbell previous to Keady taking him to Ohio to participate in the mail robbery.

There is more information pertaining to Brock contained in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, April 22, 1936, pages nineteen to twenty-six, than any other portion of this file, this information being obtained by Special Agent E. J. Dowd from his confidential contacts with Post Office Inspectors who handled Brock and interviewed him.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma (by Special Agent L. E. Kingman).

It is believed that Police Detective Earl Gardner and Bill Woods, Burns Detective representative, are more familiar with the subject matter discussed here than any other men in Tulsa. These two men were interviewed and questioned in detail.

It was learned that Sam Coker purchased his parole on January 11, 1931 from Governor Holloway for \$5,000.00. He came to Tulsa and his home near Nowata, and was taken in tow by George "Burrhead" Keady, who was then acting as the Tulsa contact for the Barker-Karpis gang, and who is said to have put

Coker into that gang as his personal representative in 1931. It, of course, was impossible for Coker to have been connected with this gang prior to that time, as he was in the penitentiary at McAlester from 1924 to 1931.

Sam Coker, Joe Howard, Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker were arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma by Earl Gardner and other officers on June 10, 1931 at a house on 936 South Braden Street, Tulsa, where they were living. In their possession was found burglar tools, guns and about \$1,500.00 worth of loot taken from the Black Jewelry Store at Henryetta, Oklahoma. This theft consisted of about \$6,000.00 worth of jewelry. They were taken to Okmulgee for trial. Coker's parole was revoked, and he was returned to the penitentiary on June 19, 1931. Karpis was not tried, and nothing came of the prosecution of the others, due to the fact that the jewelry was returned to the owners.

So far as the records of the Tulsa Police Department show this is the only arrest or instance where it can be shown that Coker was associated with Karpis at any time prior to going to Ohio after his parole in September, 1935.

In 1931, up to the time of this Henryetta Jewelry job, Harry Campbell had not joined the Barker-Karpis gang. He was in Tulsa, and was associated in a gang consisting mainly of himself, Jimmie Lawson and Glenn Roy Wright. He did not become associated with the Barker mob until after the killing of J. Earle Smith, the Tulsa lawyer. Of course, Harry Campbell knew the Barker boys for several years, but did not team up with them in their real jobs until after Coker went back to the penitentiary, and it is possible that Coker did not know Campbell until he went to Ohio in 1935.

John Brock was picked up by Keady, fed, given medical treatment, for his syphilis, and practically rescued from a dying condition, after he got out of the penitentiary at McAlester in 1934. He was nearly blind. It is not believed that he had ever known either Karpis or Campbell prior to being taken to Ohio by Keady to take the place of Coker in the Carrettsville job. All he had done was to help Keady run bars and gambling joints. Prior to 1931 he hung around Sapulpa, Oklahoma. The link in the chain that bound together the Barker-Karpis gang and tied them into Tulsa was Keady. Coker and Brock were Keady's men, supplied by him.

Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley was advised at the recent convention of identification men at Dallas, Texas by Clint Miers, Assistant Superintendent of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, that Keady was presently running a gambling joint in Dallas.

Keady has not been seen or heard of recently in Tulsa.

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U. S. Department of Justice

404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota

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Miss Gandy

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

A motion was made in behalf of Cassius McDonald on October 5, 1936, before the Circuit Court of Appeals at Omaha, Nebraska, for bail, which was heard on October 6th and denied. George A. Heisey, Assistant United States Attorney at Saint Paul, was present at the time this motion was heard and advised that McDonald filed an affidavit stating that he could make bail in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Mr. Heisey also advised that the appeals of McDonald and Sawyer will be heard before the Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis, Missouri, on December 7, 1936.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stkin

C. W. STKIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
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Miss Gandy

PERSONAL AND
CONFIDENTIAL

October 8, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

During the course of the harboring investigation being conducted at Cleveland, Ohio, information has been obtained that the unknown man known only as Sam, who is alleged to have participated in the Garrettsville mail train robbery, and who has been sought as a potential subject as to the harboring situation in this district, is identical with Benson Groves, former inmate of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. This data was obtained from Captain Alfred Jones of the Detective Bureau, Cleveland Police Department, and he also advised that Post Office Inspector S. J. Hettrick placed a wanted notice against this individual with the Cleveland Police Department, on August 26, 1936, in connection with the instant mail robbery.

The Atlanta office has been requested via teletype to secure photographs, personal history, and correspondence records as to this man and to forward same to the Cleveland office for use in locating him.

The descriptive data on record at the Cleveland Police Department concerning this man is as follows:

Name	-	Benson Groves, alias B. J. Grayson, alias George Wilson.
Age	-	50 years (born 8-25-80)
Height	-	5'6 1/2"
Weight	-	169 pounds
Hair	-	Dark chestnut
Eyes	-	Azure blue
Complexion	-	Ruddy
Build	-	Muscular, heavy, with pot belly
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Church scroll with star beneath in heavy circle outer forearm; girl on inner forearm; "B.G." outer forearm; "B.G." fan on forearm; shield on inner forearm. NOTE: All of the above marks in form of tattoo marks.

Criminal Record

Arrested Cleveland, Ohio, 1915, safe cracking. Sentenced Atlanta Penitentiary, June 1931, to 5 years on charge of mail robbery.

The Bureau is requested to furnish the Cleveland office with a complete criminal record as to this man and to advise whether he is possibly in custody at the present time. In the event no other law enforcement organization has placed a wanted notice against him, it is respectfully requested that a confidential stop notice be placed in order that the Cleveland office will be immediately informed of his detention, and be in a position to interview him without delay. If a wanted notice has already been requested by some other law enforcement agency it is desired that the usual stop notice be placed on behalf of the Cleveland office for its immediate advice of the location of this individual.

✓
Dated
10/12/38
P. J. Connelley
K. J. M.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
P. J. CONNELLEY
Inspector

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AIR MAIL
CC - Atlanta
- Cincinnati
- Chicago

October 13, 1936.

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7-576-13032

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1444 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: ~~REDACTED~~

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 8, 1936, in which you advise that information has been obtained by your office to the effect that the unknown man known only as Sam, who is alleged to have participated in the Garrettsville mail train robbery, and who has been sought as a potential subject as to the harboring situation in your district, is identical with Benson Groves, former inmate of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. It is noted in the last paragraph of your letter you request the complete criminal record of Benson Groves, together with information as to whether he is in custody at the present time, and also that a wanted notice be placed in his fingerprint file to the effect that he is wanted for questioning by your office.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the complete criminal record of Benson Groves, with aliases, #FBI-10577, as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Bureau. It is noted that this individual was received at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, #6798, on February 3, 1917, and again on July 10, 1931, as #38605. The criminal record enclosed contains all aliases, description and fingerprint classification of Benson Groves. There are enclosed also two copies of the photograph of this individual as appearing on the fingerprint cards submitted by the Police Department, Cleveland, Ohio, #13823, and by the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, #38605. A wanted notice has been placed in the fingerprint file of Benson Groves, #FBI-10577, to the effect that he is wanted and any information received should be forwarded to you immediately. A copy of this letter, together with the enclosures mentioned herewith, is being forwarded to the Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Chicago offices of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 2, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. J. McCLURE,
GENERAL AGENT.

There are transmitted herewith two vouchers in favor of the Hertz Drive-Yourself Stations, Toledo, Ohio, in the amounts of \$11.10 and \$21.50, which represent payment for the rental of automobiles by Special Agents of this Bureau.

You are advised that the rental of these machines was necessitated by the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case. It was necessary that certain persons be kept under constant surveillance and, there being no Government cars available, the rental of these machines was essential. This was the cheapest means of transportation available for the proper conducting of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #1127956.

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October 8, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires to be immediately advised whether
a definite date has been set for the trial of Joe Adams and Duke
Randall for the harboring of Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

✓ Dear Sir:-

I read in a local paper that one of the remaining men of the Karpis gang is known to be a youngstown man. The following may be of interest to you.

In June a friend of ours purchased a place on the outskirts of the city. When, before purchasing, they tried to inspect the place they were allowed to see only one floor at a time, being told the other floors were not fit to be seen and to come back later. After our friends took possession of the place they found that the door leading from the basement to the fruit cellar had been shot to pieces, about the height above a man's hips, showing it had been used as a target. Soon after they learned that the place had been used as a hideout for the Karpis gang.

The former occupant of the premises was an employee of the Soely Dairy Plant. He has since died but no doubt the widow is still employed there. It is possible that the man your department is looking for is a relative hence the use of their home as a gang hideout.

Alvin Karpis

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THE HARR TAILORING CO.
112-118 E. Front St.
Youngstown, Ohio

Oct. 9, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Yours truly

/s/ F. T. Weaver

October 16, 1936

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Mr. F. T. Weaver,
112 East Front Street,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1232; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
VICTIM - KIDNAPING

37117

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 9, 1936, in which you furnish information concerning a place on the outskirts of Youngstown, Ohio which may have been used as a hide-out for members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

I am referring this information to Mr. J. P. MacFarland, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, who will assign an agent to interview you to obtain such further information as you may possess concerning the matter referred to in your letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Cleveland (with copies of incoming letter)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Wm. R. C.

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

October 9, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: BREKID

97116

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 27, 1936, and to teletype from this office dated September 26, 1936, referring to indictments returned against various defendants in the Bremer kidnaping case and returns made on warrants issued as a result of such indictments, and in your above mentioned letter of September 27, 1936, it is noted that mention is made of a bench warrant for Karpis, issued on January 22, 1935, with a non est return made on January 23, 1935, on another bench warrant issued against Alvin Karpis on January 24, 1935, and a notation of it having been served on May 6, 1935. Further mention is made of a bench warrant issued against Harry Campbell on January 22, 1935 and of it having been served on May 12, 1935.

The file reflects that two indictments were returned by the United States Grand Jury of St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935, one naming various defendants, including Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, in a conspiracy count, the other indictment, returned against Karpis and Campbell and other individuals, was comprised of the substantive charge kidnaping. From your letter, above mentioned, it is impossible to ascertain which of the above mentioned warrants, issued against Alvin Karpis, was issued for the conspiracy indictment and which was issued for the substantive indictment of kidnaping. It is requested that this office be advised as to what indictments the bench warrants issued against Alvin Karpis on January 22 and January 24 refer, and to what indictment the bench warrant issued against Harry Campbell on January 22, 1935, refers. Information is likewise desired as to whether only one bench warrant was issued against Harry Campbell on the indictments returned against him on January 22, 1935.

The above information is desired for use in the preparation of a summary report, being prepared at the present time with reference to the harboring case at Toledo, Ohio, and it is requested that the above desired information be forwarded to this office by air mail special delivery letter.

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J.P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge

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1445 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

October 9, 1936

97114

Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J.E. Shary, dated at Philadelphia, February 5, 1936, and to the report of Special Agent William Larson, dated at Detroit, Michigan, January 31, 1936, with particular reference to the information contained in these reports concerning Dr. Horace E. Hunsicker of 1825 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, having been kidnaped by Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell in January 1936, following the escape of the two fugitives from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

You will please note by reading the two reports of reference that there are very material discrepancies with reference to the exact date and time that Dr. Hunsicker was kidnaped by Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and that Dr. Hunsicker at the time he was interviewed, was apparently in a highly nervous condition and, perhaps, was not able to fully recall all details with reference to date, time, place and circumstances surrounding his kidnaping.

It now becomes important to fix definitely the time, date and place where Dr. Hunsicker was kidnaped by Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, and it is, therefore, requested that you go over these reports very carefully and re-interview Dr. Horace E. Hunsicker for the purpose of securing from him detailed, accurate information with reference to this kidnaping, with particular reference as to the exact date and time.

Inasmuch as this information is desired in connection with the preparation of a summary report, which is being prepared by the Cleveland Office, you are requested to expedite this matter and forward the results of your investigation to this office at the earliest moment possible.

Very truly yours,

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J.P. McFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge

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612 Marine Trust Bldg.
Buffalo, N.Y.

Oct. 9, 1936

97113

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to circular letter from your office dated September 20, 1936, in the above entitled matter, requesting that stop notices in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, be withdrawn against a 1935 Ford V-8 Coupe, motor #18-1618255.

Please be advised that the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Albany, New York has been instructed to withdraw said flash card.

Very truly yours,

S. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

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October 10, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of October 8, 1936, regarding Benace Groves, with aliases, in which information was transmitted that Groves communicated with Mrs. O. D. Fountain, possibly his wife, at Gordon, Georgia, during the period he was confined in the Atlanta Penitentiary.

It is desired that investigation be conducted at Gordon, Georgia concerning the identity and present location of this woman in order that inquiries might be made through her for the purpose of locating Groves. In conducting this investigation it is not desirable to mention Groves' connection with either the Garrettsville mail train robbery or the instant harboring investigation.

Please give this inquiry expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MORAN
Special Agent in Charge

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